

SLATY FORK SCHOOL

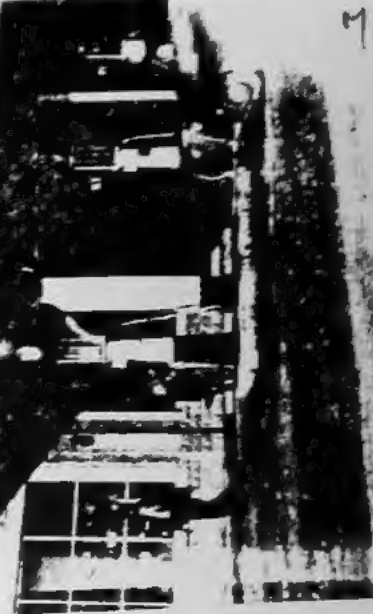
Slaty Fork, West Virginia

Presented By
EMMA S. HOWARD,
Teacher

March 20, 1908

Trustees
F. T. Sharp L. D. Sharp
S. D. Hannah

GENERAL MERCHANDISE



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(Slaty Fork Creek area)

to be sharp

Robert
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Handwritten signature: *W. H. H. H.*

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A hand-drawn map of the Linwood area, showing various residents, roads, and landmarks. The map is oriented with a north arrow pointing towards the top right. Key features include:

- Map of the Linwood Area (Residents):** A circular title at the top left.
- Roads:**
 - MT HWY:** A dashed line running from the top left towards the center.
 - Linwood Rd:** A solid line running from the top center towards the bottom right.
 - Old Road:** A solid line branching off from Linwood Rd towards the bottom right.
 - Sharp's line:** A solid line at the bottom left.
- Residents and Landmarks:**
 - Top Left:** "Maggie's Church", "Maggie's house", "Maggie's house built by Englishman about 1900".
 - Top Center:** "Rho's", "water pump", "old road", "VANDEVENDERS".
 - Center:** "John & Robt DUNLAP", "John Shanker", "Vigilance", "Hugh Sharp", "water fountain", "Geo Hoover & Alfred Haggins", "(Sharp)", "Sharp's line".
 - Right Side:** "Dan Lee's army camp on a flat above Ed Woodhill", "Maggie's house", "Eugene", "Joe Hoover", "Hoxie McElung", "STORE", "SPLIT ROCK", "Hoxie McElung", "Charles Beale (Eva Hannah Beale)", "RUSSELL HANNAH", "Kyle Hannah", "Sam Varner", "Nanna Shaw", "Kenneth Reder", "Keith Shaw", "YELLOW HOUSE", "Hoxie McElung", "Ed Van der (E)", "JACKSON HOUSE", "Mrs Jackson", "Sisterhood, Frank", "Mary & Lucy", "old school house (1850-1890)", "at 'Slippery Rock'", "Arbogast's camp", "Henry Shaver".
 - Bottom Right:** "To east" with an arrow.

LINWOOD
W.VA.
area

now built by
a Englishman
about 1900?

MT RIRY

John & Robt
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v. later Howard
Bede

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Geo Hoover
+
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JOE HOOVER
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Ed Shumatter
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□ Mr. B.
Elihu H.
+ Ross.

Hope McChung
INWOOD STORE - P.O.
SPLIT ROCK
HOXIE McChung.
Hoxie

☐ Charles Beale
(Eva Hannah Beale)

☐ RUSSELL HANNAH
Kyle Hannah

☐ Sam Varner
Nanette Chase
Kenneth Reder
Kathy Chase

on road

□ "YELLOW HOUSE" Capt. Mend
built it
for Wilson

HORIE McElung.
Ed Van Dine (C)

JACKSON HOUSE - Mrs Jackson
(Sacramento, Frank
Mary & Lucy)

2 - old school house (1850-1899)
at "Slippery Rock" ?

Arbogast's Essay?
Henry Thayer

Sharks line

Map of Slatyfork area & residents 1900's - 1900's

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Antony's Camp
 Henry's house

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(4)

WILLIAM MOUNTAIN
 middle mountain

"Red Hawk
 place"

Henry's house
 William's house
 Henry's house

Antony's house
 Henry's house

Tanner's
 camp

old road

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middle mountain
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ELK RIVER

Slatyfork

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NORTH
HILL
MEADOW

House at old lake mill
first & lumber camp.
Snider
Mrs Jackson
Austin Galford
George Mace
(Raymond)
and son
1924.

STARS
AND
L.D. SHARP
HOMER

2 Barn
Mendocino

② Railroads

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OLD ROAD

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OLD FIELD FORK OF ELK

Post Office Department
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS
Washington 25, D. C.

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February 27, 1953

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

Mr. L. D. Sharp,

Slatyfork, West Virginia.

Dear Mr. Sharp:

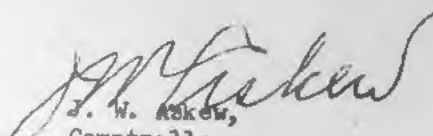
This has reference to your letter of February 16, 1953, to the Postmaster General, regarding your eligibility for an annuity based upon your service as postmaster.

The records of the Department show that you were appointed postmaster at the fourth class post office in Slatyfork, West Virginia May 15, 1901 and resigned August 28, 1916.

Public Law 215, approved May 22, 1920, was the original United States Civil Service Retirement Act under which Federal Government employees were first accorded annuities based on such service. However, Section 1 of the Act required that an employee to be entitled to any annuity must have been actively in the service on August 20, 1920. In view of this information it appears that you were not eligible for any retirement rights when the first retirement law became effective.

Since the passage of the organic Retirement Act of May 22, 1920 there have been many amendments made thereto by acts of Congress but none have been retroactive to include cases where employees left the service prior to August 20, 1920 as in your case.

Sincerely yours,


J. W. Askew,
Comptroller.

John B. Floyd, Esquire, Governor of Virginia Deed to Adison Moore
and George Beal June 22, 1848 Book 102, Page 164 Richmond
July 31, 1849

John B. Floyd, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia:
To all to whom these presents shall come---GREETING: Know ye, that in
conformity with a Survey, made on the 22nd day of June, one thousand
eight hundred and forty eight by virtue of Land Office Treasury
Warrant No. 12,846, there is granted by said Commonwealth, unto
Adison Moore and George Beal a certain Tract or Parcel of Land containing
Seven hundred and twenty six acres lying and being in the County of
Pocahontas, on both sides of Elk River, adjoining the land of William
Sharp and a survey known by the name of the Pennell & Sherwood survey
and bounded as follows, Viz-- Beginning at a spruce pine and beech on
the East bank of the Old Field Fork of said River, twelve poles above
to include any of said Sharp's land N 23 W 750 poles crossing Slatyfork
at 12 poles and the Big Spring at 160 poles and Elk River at 378 poles
to 3 sugar trees on the point of the Bearpen Ridge near the main top;
thence leaving the "Pennell & Sherwood" survey S 60 W 60 poles to a
yew pine & beech in a flat near Bearpen & N 80 W 40 poles to a maple
& yew pine South 40 poles to a sugar tree and beech in a flat S 55
W 80 poles to 2 beeches S 25 E 352 poles crossing the ~~XXX~~ Middle run
below a waterfall to a sugar tree on top of ridge S 14 W 66 poles to a
sugar tree and beech corner to David and John Hannah's survey of 500
Acres & with the same S 40 E 124 poles to a pine & indianwood S 80
E 128 poles to 2 beeches S 40 E 154 poles to a beech & sugar tree,
leaving said line N 70 E 57 poles crossing the old Field Fork of Elk
to the beginning, with its appurtenances.

To HAVE AND To HOLD the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its
appurtenances, to the said Adison Moore and George Beal
and their heirs forever

In Witness Whereof, The said John B. Floyd, Esquire,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto set his
hand and caused the Lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be
affixed at Richmond, on the thirty first day of July
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
forty nine, and of the Commonwealth the seventy fourth.

(Signed) John B. Floyd

(Wax Seal attached
here)

Notes: Underlined words are printed by a press
on the document.

Ivan Sharp got Uncle Hugh Sharp's old Deeds etc. This was among those
papers. This deed does cover land on Gauley Mt. Wm Sharp bought Hamon
Sharp land on the Gauley side of Elk at Slatyfork. Ella Sharp Gibson
retained mineral rights on Gauley Mt., so she must have owned some land
there at one time. The waterfalls mentioned must be the one near mouth
of Slatyfork. (or remotely the one on Buck Hollow--up Slatyfork)
Why does this Deed say "include any of said Sharp's land"?
Ramona Sharp Shipley has the original Deed in her possession.
(Parkersburg, W. Va.)

Hugh Sharp and Capt. Nimrod(?) G. Munday(Mundy) received 105,000 A
acres from Benjamin Rich, October 1875

Whereas, Benjamine Rich and Thortitos (?) Courrow (?) who were joint owners of the James (?) Welch survey of one hundred and five thousand acres of land situated on the head waters of Elk and Gauley Rivers in Webster and Pocahontas counties in the State of West Virginia did on the day of October 1875 enter into an agreement in writing with Nimrod(?) G. Mundy and Hugh Sharp of the State of West aforesaid by which agreement the said Mundy and Sharp were to take possession of the said tract of land; and whereas the said Mundy and Sharp did take possession of said tract of land and did build a house on the same and the same Munday and Sharp now have possession of said land; and whereas the said agreement under which they entered into said land has been lost or mislaid. Now this paper writing is made for the purpose of recognizing and () (cosetie ?) using said agreement and the tenancy of the said Munday and Sharp and(?) continuing said tenancy.

Witness our hands and seals the 27th day of October 1887

Benjamin Rich (SEAL)

N. G. Mundy (SEAL)

H. C. Sharp (SEAL)

Executed in duplicate

This was some sort of a deed or attempt to get a deed for land maybe supposed to be recorded (but wasn't?) in the court house. (Some records were lost during the Civil War when records were hid in haystacks etc to prevent the Yankees(?) from taking or burning them. (One record book was lost then) Or this may have been an attempt to claim the land by "Squatter's Rights"---?

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Now Mr. Sharp, there is just one thought that I wish to give you and that is that the stockholders of this Fair Company are just a little different from the Fair itself. In other words, the stockholders give to the people of Pocahontas a fair ground on which to hold their fair and in return they should and will get a reasonable return on the money invested. The fair itself is a public spirited proposition but the fair ground is a business proposition, although, of course, the investment is prompted to a very great extent by public spiritedness. (In other words, the first item on the fair company's expense account is the dividends to the stockholders and then the other expenses connected with the fair before the premium is considered, so that the stockholders can rest assured that they will get their dividend.) Of course, all the property, buildings and everything connected with the fair belongs to the stockholders; but it is just the way we have of handling this proposition to make it a success financially. When any one donates service to the fair, they should not feel that they are donating anything to the stockholders but they are simply helping the fair. I feel sure you will catch my idea and that it is of great assistance in my opinion. In other words, we are to treat it as one separate and distinct proposition. Of course, anything more than the 6% dividend that the fair would make in any one year will be paid the stockholders, but the idea in mind is that we are going to pay them a 6% dividend as our insurance that we take out insures the payment of the dividend even though it rains every day of the fair.)

We have the following old subscribers from your district who have not paid up as yet:

(L.B. Wallace's Letter to F.H. Sharp)

Wm. H. H. H. H.	5	shares
Wm. H. H. H. H.	10	"
Wm. H. H. H. H.	3	"
Wm. H. H. H. H.	2	"
Wm. H. H. H. H.	2	"
Wm. H. H. H. H.	1	"
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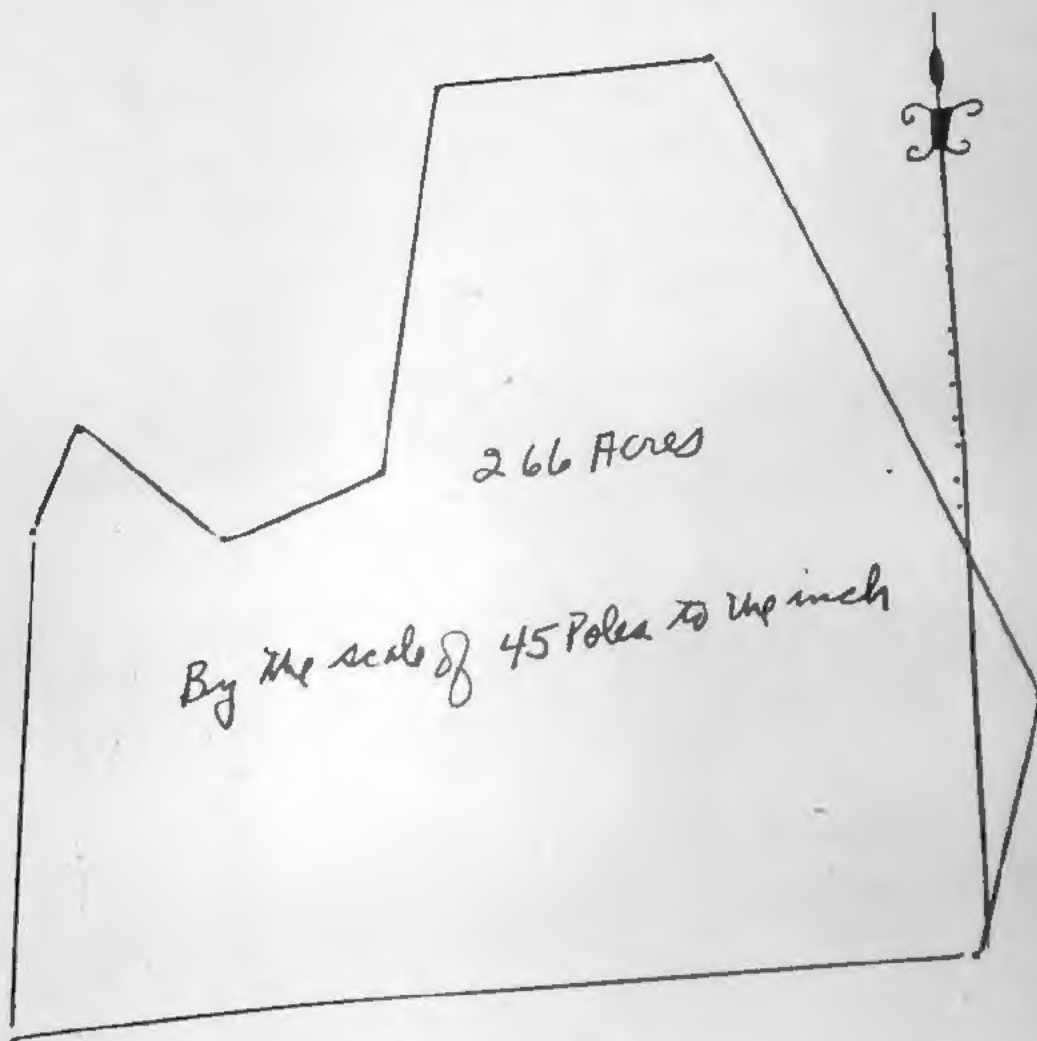
Now it seems that there must be some reason for this.

David & John Hannah Deed to Clunen ? 266 acres

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(Courses?) of land sold by David & John Hannah to atty containing 266 acres on the water of the middle run being part of a survey of 450 acres bounded as follows (Tourt)

Beginning at a sugar tree and beech corner to 720 acres patented to George Beel and Adison Moore and with there line N 14 E 68 poles to a sugar tree & spruce pine on a ridge N 25 W 180 poles crossing the middle run to yew pine doble ironwood & sugar tree on a steep hillside thence leaving said line S 85 W 70 poles to 2 yew pines and Chestnut by a drain S 11 W 100 poles to a beech & birch S 68 W 49 poles to a yew pine sugar tre & lynn N 52 W 46 poles to an ash sugartree & yew pine S 27 W 28 poles to 2 yew pines near a large ledge of rocks S 5 W 130 poles to 2 ~~yew pines~~ maples & spruce pine N 86 E 246 poles to the beginning which is the division line
signed S. H. Clark



Thomas Wood's Deed to Wm Sharp Jan. 11, 1843 Book 3, page 514 86

Deed from Thomas Wood and wife to Wm Sharp bearing date 11th day of January, 1843 for one undivided half of Lot No. 8 known as a survey made by Stephen Sherwood in the year 1786 - on which a patent issued in the year 1787 in the name of Joseph Pennell (the half of the lot aforesaid) conveyed by Wood to Sharp contains 2500 acres, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at 2 sugars on top of the mountain on a line dividing Lots No. 7 & 8. Then with the said line S 33½ W 526 poles to a birch on a rocky ridge, thence N 27 W 1054 poles to a Beech & Spruce on Gauley Mountain, Thence N. 14 E. 480 poles crossing Elk River to a beech and cucumber in a small bottom near the river. S 36 E 1200 poles to the beginning. ---

Abstract taken from Deed of Record in Clerks office of County Court of Pocahontas in Deed Book No 3 Page ~~514~~ 514.

Teste

Wm Curry clerk

This abstract taken from Deed Book #3 Page 514

Ramona Shipley has the original abstract of Deed
Reference made to Deed Book #3, Page 514

Which William Sharp is this ??

Wm. II (1772-1860) lived and burried near Fairview. He may have bought it for Wm III---?? (age 71 when deed written)

Wm. III 1815-1888) lived at Slatyfork and buried in Sharp cemetery.
---age 28 when Deed made.

By checking the Court House records, one might get a clue, since this is only an Abstract of the Deed.

See deed 1860 - Wm II to Wm III

Copy from surveyor's report made 19th July 1854: by S. H. Clark, of Lot No. 8---- Begin at a cucumber S $37\frac{1}{2}$ E crossing Elk at **IX** 150 poles in all 1490 poles to a sugar tree in place of a stake called for in pat. of Lot No. 8 & No. 7 (?) (sva $1\frac{1}{3}$ 102 poles longer S(?) (835,?) W crossing big spring at 300 -latyfork 650 in 1160 to a pine & two birches on west brow of mountain $\frac{1}{2}$ ° variation & 88 longer, thence $\frac{1}{2}$ N 33 W 370 no cor (corner?) found hickory called for. 1° variation N 2 W crossing slatyfork at 276 big spring at 380 crossing slatefork at 276, big spring at 380, crossing(Elk(?)) at 1288 **XX** (?) in all 1754 to big -(beginning . (?)

Ramond Shipley has the original copy of this.

A reference to Lots No 7 & 8 is in Thomas Woods Deed to Wm Sharp 1843

A reference to Lot # 8 is in Deed of Wm Sharp to Wm Sharp, Jr. 1860 (but this (1860) is after the above "report"

This deed of conveyance made this 2nd day of Nov. in the year of our Lord 1860 one thousand eight hundred and sixty between William Sharp Sr. of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia of the first part and William Sharp, Jr. of the County and State of aforesaid of the second part, witnesseth that the said William Sharp Sr. of the first part in consideration of the natural love and affection he bears toward his son Wm. Sharp, Jr. and for the further consideration of the sum of five dollars to him in hand paid by the said Wm Sharp, Jr. before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged by the said William Sharp, Sr. hath given, granted and conveyed and by these presents doth give grant and convey unto his son Wm. Sharp, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county of Pocahontas and State of Virginia on the waters of Elk River and containing 2020 acres being part of a lot of 2951 acres known as half of Lot No. 8 of the Pennell Survey formerly conveyed to Wm Sharp by Thomas Wood and wife and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning at three beeches near a low place in Middle Mountain on the line dividing Lot No 8 Thence S. 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ W. 105 poles to a Sugar and Beech on the brow of the mountain Thence S 42 W. 22 poles to two sugar trees on the brow of the mountain Thence S 20 W. 66 poles to two beeches and Sugar tree by a drain, Thence 46 W. 76 (46 W 76 W 21 POLES) W 21 poles to two sugar trees &

beech, Thence S 76 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 76 poles to two beeches and cucumber, Thence S 20 W. 52 poles to a beech and two white lynns on the side of the mountain, Thence S 71 W. 40 poles to a cucumber and beech, Thence S 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ E. 201 poles to two ashes and two maples on the top of a ridge, Thence S 34 W. 103 poles to two beeches and sugar tree on the back line of the original survey. Thence with the same S 27 E. 785 poles to a brich on a rocky ridge, thence N 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 526 poles to two sugar trees on the top of the mountain. Beginning corner of the original survey, Thence N 36 W. 670 poles to the beginning.

To have and to Hold the same two thousand and twenty acres of Land together with all and singular the premises and appurtenances unto the Said William Sharp, Jr., his Heirs and assigns forever To and for the only use and behoof of him the said William Sharp Jr, his Heirs and assigns in all Time to come.

In Witness whereof the said William Sharp Sen., (Sr?) hath hereto set his hand and (Seal) the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged

In presence of

William Sharp (SEAL) signed

Pocahontas County to Wit:

I, William Baxter, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do certify that William Sharp Sr. whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 2nd day of November 1860 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid, given under my hand this 2nd day of Nov. 1860

William Baxter, J. P.

Clerks Office of the County Court of Pocahontas 6th November 1860 This deed from William Sharp, Sen. to William Sharp, Jr. was presented in the Clerk's office and the certificate of the execution and acknowledgment being legally certified, the same is admitted to record.

Teste: Wm Curry, Clerk

This Deed made this 25th day of March 1885 between Hugh C. Sharp of the first part and Sarah E. Sharp of the second part all of the County of Pocahontas and State of West Virginia. Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of one dollar paid to him by the said Sarah E. Sharp the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Hugh C. Sharp does grant, bargain and convey to the said Sarah E. Sharp with general warranty all his right and title and interest in a certain tract of land (except one hundred and fifty acres adjoining the lands of S. L. Gibson and James Gibson in the southern corner of the said tract) and lying on Elk River adjoining the lands of John Hannah, James Gibson, and others and bounded as follows, Vix: Beginning at a red oak, beech and sugar tree below the mouth of Slate fork and by the creek on Jacob Sharp's line and with the same N 35 E 75 poles to 2 ashes and 2 maples on a ridge, thence leaving said line North 79½ E 28 poles to a yew pine and two beeches on a ridge and on a clift of rocks S 71 E 74 ps to 3 beeches on a ridge and opposite the Sharp School house S 80 E 295 poles to 2 limes and 2 beeches on the side of Slate Fork Mountain S 18 E 44 poles to 2 beeches near the brow of the mountain S 79 E 76 poles to 3 beeches S 56 E 28 poles to 2 beeches S 67 E 92 poles to 2 sugars cor to the original tract of which this is a prt and with same (or sane)? S 33½ W 650 poles to a spruce pine and 2 birches on the side of the Mt, N 27 W E 524 poles to a sugar and beech by the pike. Thence leaving said line N 34½ E 29 to a stake N 10½ E 10 poles to a cherry by the road, Thence N 13½ W 63 poles to 3 beeches by the creek N 3½ W 23 poles to a beech and 2 spruces near the bank of the creek N 47 W 40 poles down said creek and through a mill dam to the beginning corner, and containing twelve hundred acres of land, more or less, and being a part of a tract of 2020 acres conveyed by Deed from Wm Sharp to the said Hugh C. Sharp. Witnesseth, the following signatures and seal this the 25th day of March 1885

Hugh C. Sharp (Seal)
his mark

Teste Wm B. Hannah, Jr.
Samuel (W?)(M?) Gibson

State of West Virginia, Pocahontas County ---To wit.

I, a justice of the said county and district of Edray do hereby certify that Hugh C. Sharp whose name is signed to the above writing bearing date 25th day of March 1885 hath this day acknowledged the same before me in my said County. Given under my hand this the 26th day of March 1885

Henry N. Hannah, J. P.
(?)

Pocahontas County Court Clerk's Office, June 15, 1885.

This deed from Hugh C. Sharp to Sarah E. Sharp was presented in this office, and thereupon together with the certificate thereto annexed is admitted to record.

Teste John J. Beard, Clk

(paid \$1.25)

Sent by mail to Silas Sharp as per his order,
July 10th 1885. John J. Beard, clk.

- contains 1200 acres
- Part of 2020 acres
- 150 acres not included

This deed made this 11th day of March 1889 between Samuel M. Gibson and Mary J, his wife of the first part and Sarah E. Sharp of the second part, all of the Co. of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar cash paid in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the said Sam M. Gibson and Mary J. his wife doth sell and convey unto the said Sarah E. Sharp a certain tract of land lying in the co. of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. on the East side of Old Field Fork of Elk River, adjoining the lands of S. L. Gibson, H. N. Hannah and others (it being a tract of land conveyed to said Samuel M. Gibson and wife by George P. Hannah and also a tract of 35 acres conveyed to the said Saml M. Gibson by J. T. (or L?) Hoggsett containing in all two hundred and two acres more or less together with all appurtenances there unto --attached and warrant generally the land herein conveyed. Witnesseth the following signatures and seals.
Samuel M. Gibson (SEAL) Mary J. Gibson (SEAL)

State of W. Va. , Pocahontas County.
I, H. N. Hannah, a Justice in and for the County and State afore said do hereby certify that S. M. Gibson whose name is signed to the writing hereunto annexed, bearing date on the 11th day of March 1889 acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. I also hereby further certify that Mary J. Gibson, the wife of Samuel M. Gibson whose names are signed to the writing hereunto annexed bearing date on the 11th day of March 1889 personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, and being examined by me privily and apart from her husband and having the writing aforesaid fully explained to her, She the said Mary J. Gibson acknowledged said writing to be her act and declared that she had willingly executed the Same and does not wish to retract it.

Given under my hand this 11th day of March 1889.

Henry N. Hannah, J. P.

Pocahontas County Court Clerk's Office, Jan. 7th , 1890.

This deed was this day presented to me in my office and therefore together with the.....

Dave: This Mary Gibson was the sister of Sarah (Hannah) Sharp, and the daughter of David Hannah. Also the sister of Melinda Hannah that married John Rose, sister of Rev Geo. Hannah, Henry, and of Otha who died and had vision of Heaven. Mary was the baby that Otha asked to place in the fireplace to show that it would not be harmed when he had his vision. Another brother, Joe, died a few days before Otha.

91 Silas Sharp, Sarah Sharp & Hugh Sharp to L. D. Sharp (Book 26, Page 56)
March 30, 1895 91

This Deed made this 30th day of March, 1895 between Silas Sharp and Sarah E. Sharp, his wife and Hugh C. Sharp of the one part and Luther D. Sharp of the other part all of the county of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid to them by the said Luther D. Sharp the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp and Hugh C. Sharp doth grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Luther D. Sharp with general warranty all their right, title and interest in a certain tract of land containing 496 acres and bounded as follows. Beginning at 2 Lynns and 2 Beeches on the side of Slatyfork Mountain, corner to Hugh C. Sharp and with his lines S 18 E 42 4/5 poles to 2 Beeches near the (brow?) of the (Mtn.?) S 79 E 15 poles to 2 Beeches on top of Slatyfork Mountain corner to M. Ella F. Gibson and Malinda C. Hannah and with the same S 22 W 26 1/2 poles to a bunch of Lynns on a hill side; S 30 W. 68 poles to a stone center and Sugar, Beech and Ironwood; S 47 W. 350 poles - at 52 poles crosses Slaty Fork - at 68 poles crosses Buck Lick Fork to 2 Beeches and 2 Yaw Pines on hillside on a line of S. L. Gibson's heirs, and with the same N. 20 1/2 W. 47 poles to 2 Lynns and 2 Beeches; continued 246 poles to a rock above the turnpike road (1/4 N 10 E (from?) a Hemlock witness) corner to lower lot and with the same; and with the meanderings of the turnpike road; N. 10 E. 35 3/4 poles to the Cleveland Rock; N 59 E 85 poles a Beech and Service below the road; thence leaving the meanderings of the road; S 69 1/2 E 62 poles - crossing the road twice and the Slatyfork and the road to a stake by the road at the ford of the creek S 58 1/2 E. 92 poles to 3 Lynns at the foot of a hill near the Creek; N 36 E. 48 poles to a cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and Beech on a hillside near the top of a spur; N 20 E 42 (43) poles to a Beech witnessed by 2 beeches on a hillside; N 30 E 24 poles to 2 beeches on Hugh C. Sharp's line and with the same S 79 1/2 E 108 poles to the beginning. The said Silas Sharp and Sarah E. Sharp, his wife, reserves the right and privilege of cutting any timber they may want to use and to run any stock they may wish on the said above described tract of land free of charge. Witness the following signatures and Seals, this 30th day of March 1895. Silas Sharp (Seal), Sarah E. Sharp (Seal) & Hugh C Sharp (Seal)

("X" --his mark)

State of W. Va., Pocahontas County: To Wit; I, A. C. L. Gatewood, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, do certify that Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp, his wife, and Hugh C. Sharp whose names are signed to the writing bearing date on the 30th day of March 1895, acknowledged the same before me in my county aforesaid. Given under my hand this 30th day of March 1895 (signed) A.C.. Gatewood, J. P

W. Va., Clerk's Office of the County Court of Pocahontas County, May 1, 1895: This Deed from Silas Sharp & wife, and Hugh C. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was this day presented to me, in my office, and thereupon, the same together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereunder written is admitted to record.

Teste: S. L. Brown, Clerk

Date: "Buck Lick Fork" apparently is the run that we called "Buck Hollow"--where Lowell Gibson has his camp. Cleveland Rock is a large rock that rolled off the bank, almost blocking the ~~xxx~~ old road--between "round top of the hill" and a place near Lou Gibson's place on Rt 219. "Cleveland" painted on it when he was running for President of USA.

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SARAH E. SHARP'S DEED TO L. D. SHARP 9-27-1902

This deed made this the 27th day of Sept. 1902 between Sarah E. Sharp party of the first part and L. D. Sharp party of the second part all of the County of Pocahontas, West Va. Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the party of the second part to the party of the first part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said party of the first part hereby grants and conveys to the party of the second part with covenants of general warranty; all her right, title and interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing 165 acres lying on the Slatyfork of Elk River at or near its junction with the Old Field Fork situated in Pocahontas County, W. Va. and is and described as follows to wit: Beginning at (A) 2 maples and 2 ashes in rocks on top of a ridge--corner to Hugh C. Sharp and with the same N. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 27 3/4 poles to a number of small birches on rocks by dead Yew Pine -- and 2 - dead Beaches S 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ poles to 3 beeches on a ridge opposite the Old School House S 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 180 poles to two beeches, corner to part laid off for L. D. Sharp -- and with the same S 30 W 24 poles to a Beech witnessed by 2 Beeches on a hillside S 20 W. 43 poles to a cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and Beech on a hillside near the top of a Spruce... S 36 W. 48 poles to 3 Lynns at the foot of a hill near Slatyfork, N 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 92 Poles to a stake at the pike at the ford of Slatyfork N 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 62 poles, crossing the road and creek and crossing the road again twice to a beech and a Service below the road thence with the meanderings of the Turnpike road S 59 W 85 poles to the Cleveland Rock S 10 W 35 3/4 poles to a Stone a pole short of a hemlock witness above the road on the old line and with the same N 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ (20 $\frac{1}{2}$) W 54 poles to 2 beeches on the bank of the Old Field Fork continued 45 poles to a Birch on the bank of the creek corner to H. B. Sharp and with the same N 20 W 22 poles crossing the Slatyfork to a stake on the McCutcheon line and leaving the same N 36 E 60 poles to the beginning.

This said 165 acres of land conveyed by this deed being a part of a tract of land conveyed as 1200 acres but afterwards surveyed and found to contain 1105 acres and was conveyed by H. C. Sharp to the said Sarah E. Sharp by deed bearing date on the 25th day of March 1885 and of record in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas Co. W. Va. in Deed Book No 17 Page 75 to which deed reference is here made for a more complete description of said land.

The said party of the first part reserves the right to one half of the house in which the said parties now reside and the one third of the fruit in the orchard on this tract of land and the said party of the first part agrees and binds himself to keep one horse and one cow for the party of the first part during her natural life. The said party of the second part further agrees and binds himself to comfortably support, keep and maintain and furnish with all the necessaries of life the said party of the first part during the period of her natural life, and after her death the said party of the second part takes everything reserved in this deed by the party of the first part. To have and to hold unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever. Witness the following signatures and seal. Sarah E. Sharp (SEAL), State of W. Va., Co. of Pocahontas, to wit: I, T. S. McNeel a notary public in and for Poc. Co. do certify that Sarah E. Sharp whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of Sept 1902 has this day acknowledged this same before me in my said Co. Given under my hand this 27th day of Sept 1902 T. S. McNeel- N. P.

Clerks Office 9-27-02: This Deed from Sarah E. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was day presented to me in my office and thereupon the same together with the certificate of acknowledgement hereunder written, is admitted to record.

Teste : S. L. Brown, Clerk

92 SARAH E. SHARP'S DEED TO L. D. SHARP 9-27-1902

This deed made this the 27th day of Sept. 1902 between Sarah E. Sharp party of the first part and L. D. Sharp party of the second part all of the County of Pocahontas, West Va. Witnesseth, That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the party of the second part to the party of the first part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said party of the first part hereby grants and conveys to the party of the second part with covenants of general warranty; all her right, title and interest in and to a certain tract or parcel of land containing 165 acres lying on the Slatyfork of Elk River at or near its junction with the Old Field Fork situated in Pocahontas County, W. Va. and is and described as follows to wit: Beginning at (A) 2 maples and 2 ashes in rocks on top of a ridge--corner to Hugh C. Sharp and with the same N. 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ poles to a number of small birches on rocks by dead Yew Pine -- and 2 - dead Beaches S 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 71 $\frac{1}{2}$ poles to 3 beeches on a ridge opposite the Old School House S 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 180 poles to two beeches, corner to part laid off for L. D. Sharp and with the same S 30 W 24 poles to a Beech witnessed by 2 Beeches on a hillside S 20 W. 43 poles to a Cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and Beech on a hillside near the top of a Spunk... S 36 W. 48 poles to 3 Lynns at the foot of a hill near Slatyfork, N 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 92 Poles to a stake at the pike at the ford of Slatyfork N 69 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 62 poles, crossing the road and creek and crossing the road again twice to a beech and a Service below the road thence with the meanderings of the Turnpike road S 59 W 85 poles to the Cleveland Rock S 10 W 35 $\frac{3}{4}$ poles to a Stone pole short of a Hemlock witness above the road on the old line and with the same N 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ (20 $\frac{1}{2}$) W 54 poles to 2 beeches on the bank of the Old Field Fork continued 45 poles to a Birch on the bank of the creek corner to H. B. Sharp and with the same N 20 W 22 poles crossing the Slatyfork to a stake on the McCutcheon line and leaving the same N 36 E 60 poles to the beginning.

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The said party of the first part reserves the right to one half of the house in which the said parties now reside and the one third of the fruit in the orchard on this tract of land and the said party of the first part agrees and binds himself to keep one horse and one cow for the party of the first part during her natural life. The said party of the second part further agrees and binds himself to comfortably support, keep and maintain and furnish with all the necessaries of life the said party of the first part during the period of her natural life, and after her death the said party of the second part takes everything reserved in this deed by the party of the first part. To have and to hold unto the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns forever. Witness the following at Pocahontas, to wit: I, T. S. McNeel a notary public in and for Poc. Co. do certify that Sarah E. Sharp whose name is signed to the writing above bearing date on the 27th day of Sept 1902 has this day acknowledged this same before me in my said Co. Given under my hand this 27th day of Sept 1902 T. S. McNeel - N. P.

Clerks Office 9-27-02: This deed from Sarah E. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was this day presented to me in my office and thereupon the same together with the certificate of acknowledgement hereunder written, is admitted to record.
Teste: S. L. Brown, Clerk

THIS DEED made this the 6th day of August, 1912, between Hugh C. Sharp, party of the first part, and L. D. Sharp, party of the second part, all of the County of Pocahontas, State of West Virginia;

WITNESSETH: That for and in consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars cash in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the natural love and affection which he bears to his nephew, L. D. Sharp, and the further consideration to be hereinafter mentioned, the said party of the first part does hereby grant, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in the County of Pocahontas State of West Virginia, on the Big Spring Branch of Elk River containing 868.64 acres, more or less, and is a part of 2020 acres, which is a part of the lot of 2951 acres, known as "Half of Lot No. 8" of the Pennell survey, formerly conveyed to William Sharp, Sr., by Thomas Wood and wife and the tract of land hereby conveyed is bounded and described as follows: Beginning at two sugars on top of Slaty Fork Mountain, corner to the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company and running N 31-45 W at 4430' to the Turn Pike, corner to John T. McGraw eight acre tract sold by William Sharp to R. E. Wilson and with the Pike to a small beech on the edge of the Pike; thence N 25 E 33 feet to a small beech and pointers on the bank of a small drain; N 47 W 922 feet crossing the Big

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gone, small sugar marked, pointers marked; also corner to Harmon 94
Sharp's land and with the same S 21-09 E 2100 feet; crossing Big
Spring Branch of Yolk in all 3400 feet to two ashes corner to L.
D. Sharp and with his line N 81 -15 E 463 feet to a stake, two yew
pines and basswood called for now gone; S 70-30 E 1225 feet to two
beeches on a ridge corner to the graveyard lot and with the same N
11 -30 E 45 feet to astake; S 86 W 175 feet to a set stone; S 11-30
W 70 feet to a set stone on the old line, leaving the Graveyard; S
70-07 E 4625 feet to two beeches and two lynns on the north of the
mountain; S 17-51 E 680 feet to two beeches near the brow of the
mountain; S 77-06 E at 231 feet to L. D. Sharp's corner leaving same
and with the West Virginia Pulp & Paper Company in all 935 feet to
three beeches; S 54-30 E 463 feet to two beeches; S 64-30 E 1217 feet
to the beginning.

The further consideration of this deed as mentioned
above, for the land hereby conveyed is that the said party of the
second part agrees and binds himself to furnish and provide to
the said Hugh C. Sharp all the proper maintenance and support during
his natural life, such as clothing, food, medical attention and
spending money necessary, as requested by the said party of the first
part, consistent with his station in life, and everything so as to
make the said party of the first part comfortable during his life-
time and to provide a respectable funeral and burial for said party

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State of West Virginia, County of Pocahontas, to-wit:
I, G. S. Welford, Justice of the Peace in and for
Pocahontas County, West Virginia do hereby certify that Hugh C.
Sharp, whose name is signed to the foregoing writing, bearing date
the 8th day of August, 1912, has this day acknowledged the same
before me in my said County.

Given under my hand this the 2nd day of September, 1912.

G. S. Welford, Justice of the Peace.

WEST VIRGINIA:

Clerk's Office County Court Pocahontas County,
September 6th, 1912.

This deed from Hugh C. Sharp to L. D. Sharp was this
day presented to me in my office and thereupon the same together
with the certificate of acknowledgment thereunder written, is admitted
to record.

Teste: C. J. McCARTY Clerk

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA,

COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS, to-wit;

I, Mildreth T. Meadows, Clerk of the County Court
of Pocahontas County, State of West Virginia, do hereby certify
that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the records
of my said office.

GIVEN under my hand and seal this the
30th day of July, 1963.



Mildreth T. Meadows
Clerk, County Court of Pocahontas County,
West Virginia.

This Deed made this 12th day of Dec. 1934 between Luther D. Sharp and M. E. Sharp, his wife, parties of the first part, and Ivan L. Sharp, Silas S. Sharp, Paul L. Sharp, and Luther D. Sharp Jr. parties of the second part, all of the Co of Pocahontas and State of W. Va. Witnesseth: That for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid cash in hand the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for love and affection the said parties of the first part do hereby grant, sell and convey with the covenants of general warranty to the parties of the second part jointly all of the following described tract of land, situated in the Edray Dist. of Pocahontas Co. on the waters of Slatyfork, a branch of Elk River, and was conveyed to Luther D. Sharp by Silas Sharp, Sarah E. Sharp and Hugh Sharp, by deed dated March 30th 1895 and of record in the office of the County Clerk of Pocahontas Co., in Deed Book 26 at page 56 and bounded as follows, beginning at two lynns and two beeches on the West side of Slatyfork to obtain a corner of the Hugh Sharp lands, and with the same, S. 18 E. 42.8 poles to two beeches near the brow of the mountain S. 79 E. 15 poles to two beeches on top of the mountain, corner to the W. Va. Pulp and Paper Co. and with same, S. 22 W. 26 1/4 poles to a bunch of lynns on a hillside, S. 30 W. 68 poles to a sugar, beech and ironwood with a stone center, S. 47 W. 350 poles, crossing Slatyfork at 52 poles, Bucklick run at 68 poles to two beeches and two spruce pines on a hillside, on a line of S. L. Gibson's heirs, and with same, S. 20 1/2 W. 47 poles to two lynns and two beeches, continued 24.6 poles to a rock above the old Turnpike, headlock pointer, and with the meanderings of said pike, N. 10 E. 35 3/4 poles to the Cleveland Rock, N. 59 E. 85 poles to a beech and service below the road, thence leaving the meandering of the road, S. 69 1/2 E. 62 poles crossing the road twice, crossing Slatyfork and the road to a stake, by the creek at the ford, S. 58 1/2 E. 92 poles to three lynns at the foot of the hill near the creek. N. 36 E. 48 poles to a cucumber witnessed by a small cucumber and beech on a hillside, near the top a spur N. 20 E. 43 poles to a beech witnessed by two beeches, on a hillside, N. 30 E. 24 poles to two beeches in a line of the Hugh Sharp land and with said line N. 79 1/2 E. 108 poles to the beginning, containing 496 acres, more or less, to have and to hold unto the parties of the second part their heirs and assigns forever.

Witness the following signatures and seals. Luther D. Sharp, M. E. Sharp (Mabel) (SEALS)

State of W. Va. Pocahontas Co., to-wit: I, Jesse P. Hannah, a Notary Public in and for the Co. of Pocahontas do certify that Luther D. Sharp and M. E. Sharp, his wife, whose names are signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 12th day of December, 1934, have acknowledged the same before me in my said County. Given under my hand this the 31st day of Dec. 1934. My commission expires Mar. 18, 1939. (Notarial Seal) Jesse P. Hannah, N. P.

State of W. Va., Clerk's office of the County Court of Pocahontas Co, Jan. 4th, 1935. This Deed from Luther D. Sharp and wife to Ivan L. Sharp et al was this day presented to me in my office, and thereupon the same, together with the certificate of acknowledgment thereunder written, is admitted to record therein. Testa: Moody Kincaid, Clerk. (mailed to Ivan Sharp, Slatyfork Jan 10, 1935 (1935))

(A reference above to Deed Book 26, Page 56, 3-30-1895, Silas, Sarah, and Hugh Sharp to L. D. Sharp.)

This deed of conveyance made this 2nd day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty between William Sharp Sr. of the County of Pocahontas and State of Virginia of the first part and William Sharp Jr. of the County and State aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that the said William Sharp Sr. of the first part in consideration of the natural love and affection he bears toward his son Wm. Sharp Jr. and for the further consideration of the sum of five dollars to him in hand paid by the said William Sharp Jr. before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said William Sharp Sr. has given granted and conveyed and by these presents doth give grant & convey unto his

N. 21 poles to two sugar trees & back thence
 S. 76° W. 76 poles to two beeches and cucumber
 thence S. 21° W. 52 poles to a beech and
 two white limes on the side of the mountain
 thence S. 71° W. 40 poles to a cucumber and
 a beech thence S. 24° E. 204 poles to two ashes and
 two maples on the top of a ridge thence S. 34°
 W. 103 poles to two beeches and sugar tree on the back
 line of the original survey thence with the same
 S. 27° E. 785 poles to a beech on a rocky ridge then
 N. 33° E. 526 poles to two sugar trees on the top of the
 mountain. Bringing corner of the original survey
 thence N. 36° W. 670 poles to the beginning.

To Have and to Hold the said Two Thousand
 and Twenty Acres of Land together with all and
 singular the premises and appurtenances unto the
 said William Sharp Jr. his heirs and assigns forever
 to & for the only use and behoof of him the said
 William Sharp Jr. his heirs & assigns in all times
 to come. In Witness Whereof the said William
 Sharp Sr. hath hereunto set his hand and seal
 the day and year first above written.
 Signed Sealed & Delivered in
 presence of


William Sharp Sr.

I William Baxter Justice of the peace for
 the County aforesaid in the state of Virginia do
 hereby certify that the within and above bearing date on the 2nd day of
 November 1860 has acknowledged the same
 before me in my County aforesaid. Given under
 my hand this 2nd day of Nov. 1860
 William Baxter J. P.

Clarks Office of the County Court of Poughkeepsie
6th November 1860.

This deed from William Sharp sent
to William Sharp jr was promoted in the Clarks office
& the certificate of the execution & acknowledgment
being legally certified, the same is admitted
to record

Teste

John Curry Clerk


11. Nov. 1860

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M. Kingdome

one thousand eight hundred and forty eight

Edw. Moore and George B. Hall.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or Parcel of Land, with its appurtenances, to the said
Admon Moses & George Beale
 and ~~their~~ heirs forever
 In Witnes Whereof, The said *John R. Floyd* Esquire
 Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand
 and caused the Lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed, at
 Richmond, on the *thirty first* day of *July*
 the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *forty nine*
 of the Commonwealth the seventy *fourth*

John B. G.

William N. Ramsey, Jr.
B. 10-18-1819 Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. 11-5-1818 tombstone
D. 11-20-1857 White Sulphur Springs
Greenbrier County

Md. 12-2-1839
Pittsylvania Co., VA
by Abner Anthony
Bondsman: Middleton Meade

Sarah (Sallie) Edith Meade
B. 10-29-1823
Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. 9-27-1862 (C.H.)
9-14-1862 (tombstone)
Greenbrier County, West Virginia
Cause of death "Fever"

William Newman Ramsey, Sr.
B. about 1772 Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. after 1840 census
before 1850 census
Pittsylvania County, VA

Md. 3-17-1794
Pittsylvania Co., VA
Bondsman - Nathan Sparks

Rhoda M. Million (or MacMillan)
B. about 1776 Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. before 1840 census
Pittsylvania Co., VA

Middleton Meade

B. 10-3-1797 Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. after 1850, before 1860 Greenbrier Co.
(appears in 1850 Greenbrier Census
as being 55 yrs old)

Md. 12-19-1820
Pittsylvania Co., VA
Bondsman - Noton and
Rachel Ramsey, parents

Elizabeth Ramsey

B. 9-13-1803 Pittsylvania Co., VA
not from Court House
D. 4-17-1854 (Monroe Co. C.H.)
Monroe Co. death record Book 1 p. 5 line 67
Cause - Typhoid Fever
Age 50 yrs. 5 mos., 4 days
Another source has death as 10-10-1867

Thomas Ramsey (Pittsylvania Co., VA)
B. before 10-4-1734 Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. between 4-20-1790 and 8-16-1790
Pittsylvania Co., VA
Md. before 1761 or 7-10-1762

Frances Young

B. about 1738 Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. after 1808 Pittsylvania Co., VA
(her son, Noton, was married
1808 and named mother,
Frances Ramsey)

Noton Ramsey

B. Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. about 1-30-1852 " "
Md. 2-11-1808 Pittsylvania Co., VA
or 1-18-1808 " "
or 5-30-1808 " "
Bondsman, William Witcher, father

Rachel Witcher

B. Pittsylvania Co., VA
D. after 1852 " "

Thomas Ramsey
(above)

Frances Young
(above)

William Witcher

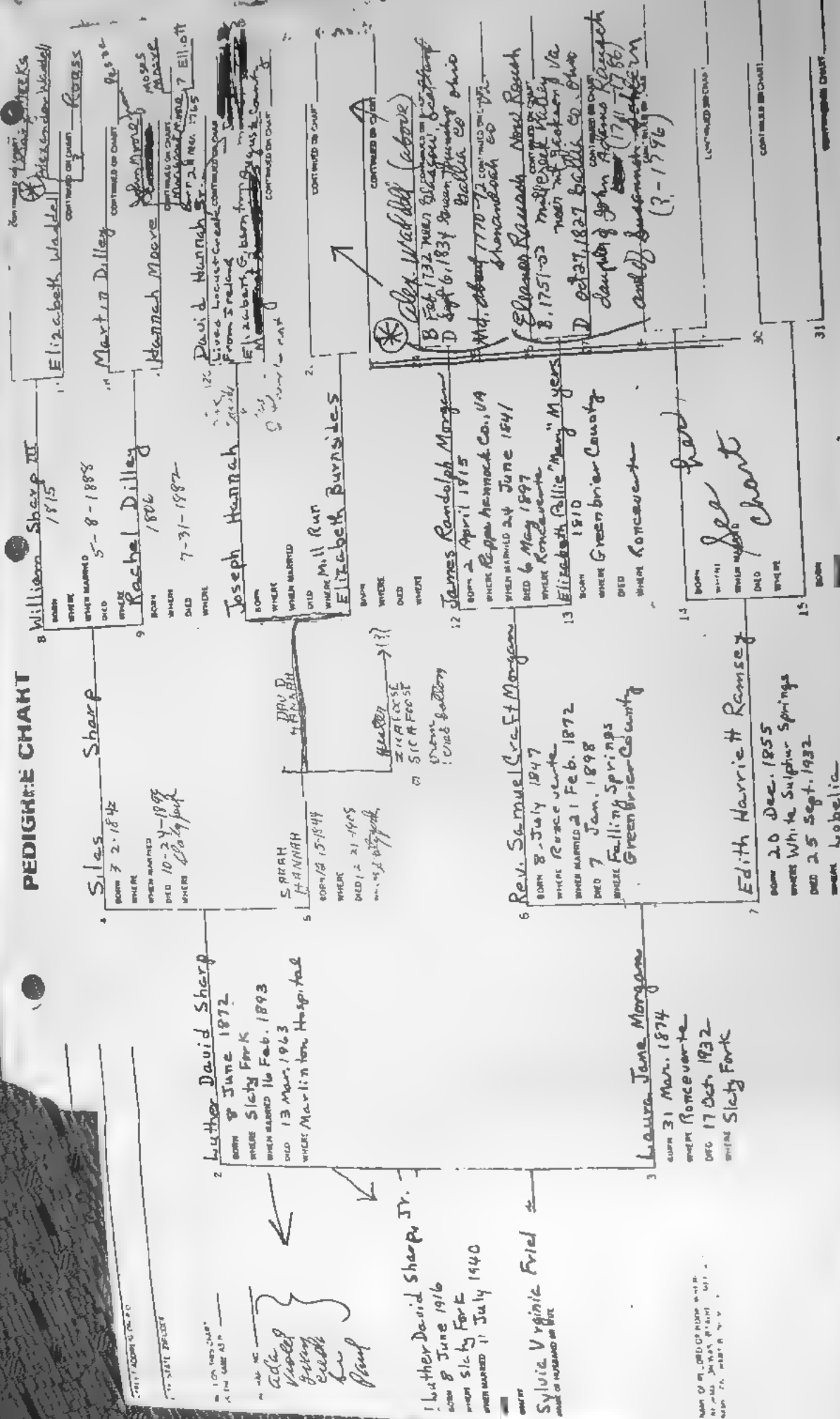
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Edith Ramsey

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PEDIGREE CHART



1. On this chart, a line above a name indicates a marriage.

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Memorial Obituary



L. D. Sharp

Luther David Sharp, a life long resident of Slatyfork, died Wednesday, March 13, 1963, in the Marlinton Hospital, at the age of 90 years, 9 months, and 5 days.

Mr. Sharp, the only son of the late Silas and Sarah Sharp, was born June 8, 1872, at Slatyfork. At the early age of 12 he started his mercantile business, buying and selling fur, livestock and merchandise. For many years his merchandise was hauled from Millboro, Virginia, and Beverly by covered wagons. Mr. Sharp was the first Postmaster of Slatyfork and gave it its name when the office was opened. He loved to fish and hunt, killing his last deer at the age of 89. He was one of the first group of apiary inspectors in West Virginia, and raised bees to produce the famous Pocahontas County white lynn honey.

"L. D.," as he was affectionately called by his close friends, helped organize and was a charter member of the Slaty-

fork Methodist Church. He was a lover of sacred music and organized the Slatyfork Choir, well known in Pocahontas and surrounding counties for its fine music.

Preceding him in death were his first wife, Laura Jane Morgan Sharp; two daughters, Creola and Ada Curtain; two sisters, Ella (Mrs. Robert Gibson) and Malinda (Mrs. Ellis Hannah).

He leaves his devoted wife, Mabel Hansford Sharp; a daughter, Mrs. Violet Markland, of Richmond, Virginia; four sons, Ivan Sharp, of Nitro; Paul Sharp, of Port Neches, Texas; Dave Sharp, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Si Sharp, at home; twelve grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Slatyfork Methodist Church with the Rev. Clarence Pier-son assisted by the Rev. Ezra Bennett in charge. Burial was in the Slatyfork Cemetery.

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Investigation Continues in Forester's Death

Investigation is continuing by Augusta County Sheriff's Department in the death of forester, Evan L. Sharp.

Sharp, 34, a sub-district forester over Madison, Greene, and Rappahannock Counties, died last Monday while hunting in George Washington National Forest with friend and Chief Fire Warden of Greene and Madison, Donald Lee Parrott of Quinque.

His body was not discovered until last Wednesday morning on Elliott's Knob at North Mountain in Augusta County, about 1-3/4 mile from his truck. Sharp had apparently been shot by another hunter. A bullet shot from a high powered rifle entered through the abdominal area and lodged in the body. According to evidence found in the mountains, it is estimated the bullet which struck Sharp was fired from 80-85 yards away.

An Augusta sheriff's department spokesman said Monday, there was no definite information yet concerning the accident. A check of persons hunting in the area, licenses and big game stamps is underway. Several hunters at campsites in the area have also been questioned during the investigation. Reports are awaited from FBI laboratories pending identification of several items of physical evidence found in the area.

Letter to Editor

On behalf of the personnel of the Virginia Division of Forestry, I want to express our sincere appreciation to all of the people in the Madison and surrounding area for their help in the search for Forester Evan Sharp. All of us in the Division of Forestry feel very keenly the loss in Evan's tragic death. It is heartwarming to know that the concern for Evan was so widespread, and that the response to this concern by his friends and neighbors in Madison County was both immediate and magnanimous. We especially want to recognize the efforts of the Madison Rescue Squad and the many other volunteers, whose names we do not have, from the Madison area. For their efforts and time, including the considerable distance to Augusta Springs and in entering the search, we offer our sincere thanks.

Sincerely,

W. F. Custard, State Forester

Wan Sharp - Killed

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AUGUSTA SPRINGS—A body identified as Evans Sharp, the Madison County hunter missing since Monday, was found late this morning on Elliott's knob.



MR SHARP

An Augusta County Sheriff's Department spokesman would only confirm that it was Sharp's body. He would not comment on the cause of death.

The search had been intensified this morning as scores of volunteers, Augusta Military Academy cadets and area students joined in the rescue efforts being coordinated by the sheriff's department at Orange's Market on Va. 42 here

Mr. Sharp, 34, had gone hunting Monday with his partner, Donald Lee Parrott of Madison County, and failed to return to his truck parked on Chestnut Flat, a mountain top between Elliott's Knob and Hite Hollow, west of here.

Rescue teams concentrated Tuesday on the east side of the mountain, where a gunshot was reportedly heard Monday at dark.

Mrs. Sharp, who drove here Tuesday after learning of her husband's disap-

pearance said the whole situation seemed incredible since her husband was a very "self sufficient" and experienced hunter, although he occasionally was troubled by one of his knees injured previously while fighting a fire

Mr. Sharp was employed by the Virginia Division of Forestry and was a member of the Madison County Rescue Squad. He formerly lived with his family in Augusta County and was "very familiar" with the hunting area, according to his widow.

The search had not been without confusion. One report said that a hunter from Madison County somewhat fitting Mr. Sharp's description was seen several miles from the Chestnut Flat area.

Also rescue officials were helped or hindered by the inundation of volunteers that led one spokesman to say: "There are too many chiefs and not enough Indians."

Involved in the search were the Staunton-Augusta, Craigsville-Augusta Springs and Madison County rescue squads, the Civil Air Patrol, State Police, the Virginia Game Commission, the Virginia Division of Forestry, and auxiliaries, churches and private individuals who supplied food to the rescue workers.

Two search planes of the CAP and a State Police helicopter flew over the mountainous terrain Tuesday and this morning.

Evans Sharp

Evans Lilburn Sharp, 34, of Madison, Virginia, formerly of West Virginia, was killed Wednesday, November 19, 1975, in the National Forest in Augusta County, Virginia.

He was a native of Slatyfork, and was in the Virginia Forestry Service.

His father Ivan Sharp, died earlier this year. He was a grandson of the late L. D. Sharp of Slatyfork.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis McCutcheon Sharp; two sons, Arthur Todd and Roderick Evan, both of Madison, Virginia; mother, Mrs. Ivan L. Sharp, of Nitro, a brother, Ralph Sharp, of California; sister, Mrs. Thomas Shipley, of Parkersburg.

Services were held Friday morning in Madison United Methodist Church in Madison, Virginia. Burial was Friday at 4 p. m. in Slatyfork Cemetery.

Hunter died of gunshot wound

The death of a Madison County man Monday in the mountains west of Augusta Springs was due to a gunshot wound, Augusta County authorities said Wednesday, and the wound appeared not to be self inflicted.

An autopsy completed today at the state medical examiner's office at Roanoke determined that Evans Lilburn Sharp died of a rifle wound in the abdomen. He had been dead since "sometime Monday", State Medical Examiner Dr. David Oxley said.

Mr. Sharp, 34, of Madison County was found Wednesday morning by Virginia Division of Forestry volunteers in a moderately wooded area in the Chestnut Flats section of North Mountain. An experienced outdoorsman and forester from Madison, Green and Rappahannock counties at the time of his death, Mr. Sharp was last seen around 1 p. m. Monday and was reported missing 9:30 that night.

Mr. Sharp, a former resident of Staunton said to be very familiar with the mountains, had gone hunting with a friend Monday and did not return to his truck.

A search, coordinated by the Augusta County Sheriff's Department and strengthened by volunteers, began Tuesday and intensified Wednesday before the body was found late Wednesday morning.

The body was first taken to King's Daughters' Hospital, then to Madison County. Later, it was taken to Roanoke to the state medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

According to a sheriff's department spokesman, Mr. Sharp was found lying face up, his rifle near the body. He had been shot in the stomach, the spokesman said.

The case is now under investigation by the department deputies.

A spokesman for the department thanked those who participated in the two-day search.

Mr. Sharp was son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan L. Sharp.

Surviving besides his mother who lives at Nitro, W. Va., are his widow, Mrs. Phyllis (McCutcheon) Sharp of Madison; two sons, Arthur T. and Roderick E. Sharp, both of Madison; one brother, Ralph Sharp of California, and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Shipley of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Services will be conducted 10 a. m. Friday in Madison United Methodist Church. Burial will be 4 p. m. in Powhatan County, W. Va.

DEATHS

Mrs. Laura Morgan Sharp, wife of L. D. Sharp, died at her home at Slaty Fork on Monday afternoon, October 17, 1932. She had been ill for many months with heart disease and complications. She was in her 56th year, having been born March 31, 1874. Burial in the Sharp family graveyard on Wednesday afternoon, the funeral being conducted from the Slaty Fork Church by her pastor, Rev. T. H. Taylor.

Mrs. Sharp was the daughter of the late Mrs. Emma Morgan. Her mother, Mrs. John Morgan, of Evans, was buried with her in the same place. Of her father's family there remain two brothers, William and Edgar, and a sister, Sarah (H. H. H.).

Forty years ago she became the wife of L. D. Sharp. He and their children, Ivan, Silas, Paul and Luther, Jr., Mrs. William Curkin, of Baltimore, and Mrs. R. W. Markland, of Richmond, survive. A daughter, Greola, died nine years ago.

For a life time, Mrs. Sharp, had been a professing Christian, a member of the Methodist Church. She was a good woman, who well performed the duties of a mother and

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Mary Eleanor
died age 6
Mary Eleanor
2-11-1949

(Mrs Robt Gibson
my Ella Gibson;

•Allie (Forest Gibson
•Bill Gibson

- *Bill Gibson
- *Florence Gibson
- *Ollie OTIS Gibson
- *ONNIE THOMAS

Luther D Sharp, Jr.
6-8-16 ("Dave")
(Sylvia Friel of
Marlinton)
*Linda Dee
12-19-61
(Nannie Edwards)
E
(Cincinnati, O)
May 1980

(See Morgan History)

Leone
Edray

Married Charlie
Mitchel (children
were Ruby & Edith)
Remarried McKenny
(children John & J)
Elizabeth McKenna

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History and Stories
of the
SHARP FAMILY
of
Slatyfork, W. Va.
Principally by and of
Luther David Sharp, Sr.
6-8-1872 - 3-19-63

Compiled from magnetic tapes, recollections, etc.

This history booklet of the L. D. Sharp family was compiled by Dave Sharp from recollections and tapes he made of "LD" and from others in the family. Valuable assistance was provided by Si Sharp for his recollections of important stories; by Ramona Shipley for her transcribed tapes of her father, Ivan, and copies she made of old deeds etc.; by cousin Allie Gibson letting me tape her stories of the Sharps; and by Paul Sharp for his tapes he made of Dad's stories. *THAYER SHARP MADE XEROX COPIES*

Cousins Neo Hannah and Allie Gibson loaned old original pictures of the Sharps from which to make copies used in the booklet.

AND ROBERT TAYLOR-IN PARTICULAR

Credit goes to Edith Workman of Millsboro for the copy of the Rev. Samuel Morgan history compiled by cousin Hubert Taylor, 14 Stroud St., Wilmington, Del. 19805, from which our copies are made. This is a complete history of the family of Laura Sharp, wife of L. D. Sharp. Thanks to cousin Edith! Thanks to cousin Hubert!

Stories and/or pages are numbered in red ink. Any one who has additional stories or pages please make four ^{OR MORE} copies and number them in red so we can place them in the proper location in the booklet. For instance, page 26-A would go after page 26.

Also: any other rare family pictures and other pictures of great interest are welcomed, to make negatives to have copies made for the four booklets.

A booklet was issued to each:

Paul Sharp, 723 Avenue D, Port Neches, Texas, 77651

Si Sharp, Slatyfork, W. Va. 26291

Mrs. Ramona Shipley, 43 Meadowcrest Drive, Parkersburg, W. Va. 26101

Dave Sharp, 4171 Paxton Woods Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

Each of the above have Cassette tapes from which the transcriptions in the booklet were made.

PLEASE ! If this copy becomes misplaced or lost, please return it to one of the above persons or descendants. It is very important that it stays in the Sharp family

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1st photo taken
1898



Last picture of
 Elias 1898
 Ella Luther Melinda
 Sarah ("Sally")
 ("Si")



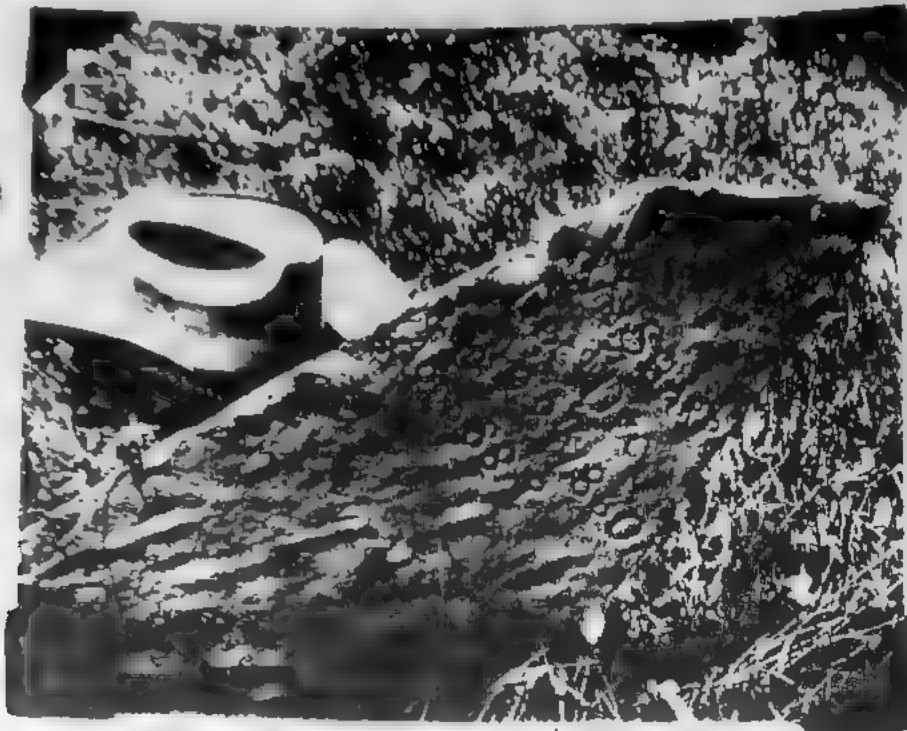
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1st - Luther David & Mary
 Ella Melinda Luther

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WM SHARP
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K.

Wm. Sharp, Jr. (II) 1772-1860

Wm. Sharp's tombstone in the Sharp cemetery on the Edray to Cloverlick road, near Fairview lane intersection and near Arthur Friel's place.

He was the son of the pioneer William Sharp (1740-1833) and father of Wm. Sharp (III) (1815-1888) who is buried at the Slatyfork cemetery.



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WILLIAM SHARP (III) 1815-1888
 Founder of Lake and Narvins.



RACHAEL (Diley) SHARP 1805-18



SARAH ("SI") SHARP SARAH (HANNAH)
 1812-1866



*William Sharp
 1815-1888*

*Sarah
 1812-1866*

Silas

5

James Kenneth Morgan
 1-18-15 - 5-6-1897
 Father of Sam Morgan

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James
 with
 Sam Morgan
 + killed him



Morgan 2 21-1872
 ← Sam Morgan ← James Morgan
 (Parents of Lucio Sharp (331 1874-10-17-1932))



Her second
 husband

Miss Irwin

Lucio Sharp (331-1874-9-25-1932)

Hugh Calvin Sharp

the first time
 I saw it
 was unexpected
 among other
 things I saw
 some other
 things in
 the house
 probably made
 by myself
 - possibly
 a book bound
 a friend of Hugh's
 who came in
 2nd of
 6th house



Hugh Sharp
 (7-10-1846 - 8-25-1923)



Indo Hugh Sharp
 on porch of 1st house
 that used to be attached to
 the present day house.

(Perhaps
 I am sitting
 on the chair)

Hugh Sharp 1846-1923
 wearing a cap in hat now belongs to
 John Sharp sons in Va

S. H. Shaw

S. H. Shaw from Ten Type Apr 19-0



110 I got friends



from the Lippes

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Quintessence meeting - perhaps
 or a meeting of the
 editing church

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Howard White 3 C Morgan (no 5) in door Rev George F. No 1
 Rev Clark no 2 no 4 Uncle George Hannah no 6 Rev Hedrick
 (7) Rev. Fultz 3



- 1 George F. No 1
- 2 Howard White
- 3 Rev. Clark
- 4 Uncle George Hannah

- 5 Rev. S. C. Morgan (Samuel Morgan)
- 6 Rev. Hedrick
- 7 Rev. Fultz

Believe all are preachers

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 of it. See
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Left to Right: Dad, Ade, Si, Dad,
 Ivan, Austin, Ralph, Mother
 & Dad's on horse behind mother

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Hugh

crada Juan Alta, Wade, & B

10

Sept.

John
Cowan
top
picture
→



Paul

John

Paul

John

Walter Hugh

the Chap family

Sept 1917



1939

"65"
rancher
"80"

Melinda Hannel

L.H.

John Libson

age

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photo Violet Luster

Maple Sugar Camp



Maple Sugar Camp at Slaby fork about 1912?
 Near old home place, below the bridge
 and just below the meadow near creek



(L.D. SHARP) I LO I Laura
 Ada + Violet



Ada Laura Violet Luster
 Emma Violet Luster
 (Married 2-16-1893)

Wink

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Photograph of L. D. Sharp's Maple Sugar Camp at Slatyfork
Described by Ivan L. Sharp Nov. 27, 1973

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"The picture faces Buzzard Mountain. You can faintly see the line of the old road going toward Marlinton. Ada may have been married or she and/or Si may have been taking care of or watching the store, in case some customer should come. I don't quite recognize the horses. The one with the (white) star in the forehead looks like "Old Bell", grandmother Sharp's (Sarah) mare. The other appears to be Mike, the strawberry roan with ears sticking straight up. A lot of age difference in the two horses."

"Judging from the size of Violet the plain (clear) one in the picture (in white), I appear to be standing (left to right): Ivan, Joe Snyder, Gemmie ~~(XIXXXY)~~ Snyder, Violet, Mother (Laura), Creola, Paul and Dad (L.D.) at the kettles. ~~Wirt Snyder and Austin or~~ / Gemmie Snyder was oldest and only daughter of Wirt Snyder. Wirt Snyder and Austin or Floyd Galford on the sled."

Dave: (If this picture could have been snapped in Feb. 1916, they would be these ages: LD 44, Mother 42, Violet 19, Ivan 16, Creola 12, Si 9, and Paul 6 See further note of Dave's at the end.)--Dave.

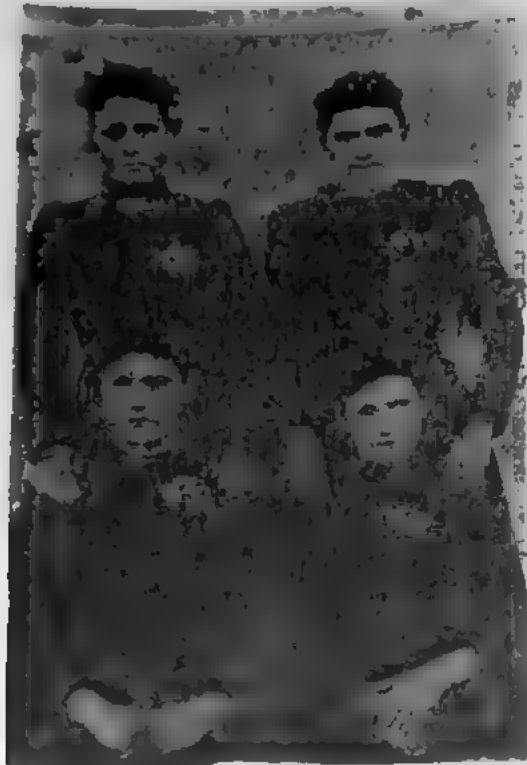
Ivan further stated: "There looks to be a fuel shortage for the kettles, but we kept some dry wood in the shed and a pile of poles below the camp for the two pans. (evaporating pans were inside the shed.) One or two persons would stay in camp at night to keep fires going and pans filled to prevent burning of syrup. Sometimes would roast potatoes, apples and meat at night by the fire."

Dave's further notes: Violet born 1897, married July 1918 at age 21.

Willie H. Gibson of Will Gibson (at mouth of Slatyfork creek) was a photographer and took pictures up to perhaps 1920 or later. This picture was among Will Gibson's things after he died. The card was not mailed but was addressed to Mr. Earnest Gibson, Fkkwater, W. Va. with this message "Hello. How are you by this time? I am well and hope to find you the same. Sugar Camp view; from Willie H. Gibson". Dorothy Fitzwater gave Dave the original picture. She inherited it from perhaps a sister or other relative maybe married to young Willie. The Slatyfork Creek is between the camp and the hill, in picture.

Ivan further stated: "The sugar camp is below the old barn meadow. A big wood log type storage tank in foreground, 4 big iron kettles for boiling sugar water down from 50 gal. to about 1 gal. of syrup. Inside shed is two furnaces with evaporating pans, a bunk bed for night work. The two smoke stacks were from the old saw mill that ceased operation further up the creek years before. A sled was used to haul the sap to the camp using two 50 gal wood barrels--sometimes three. Picture appears to have been taken when Wirt Snyder lived at the old Jackson house up the creek (almost to buck-hollow)"

Notes: The boy beside Mother appears to be thin like Si or Dave. If Dave, then the boy in trough must be Paul. Then picture must have been taken about 1918 or 1919 before Violet married. Could the girl beside Violet be Creola??? A good puzzle! ... but an interesting picture.



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in album

1900
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Sarah Jane Morgan (sister) Anne Virginia Morgan

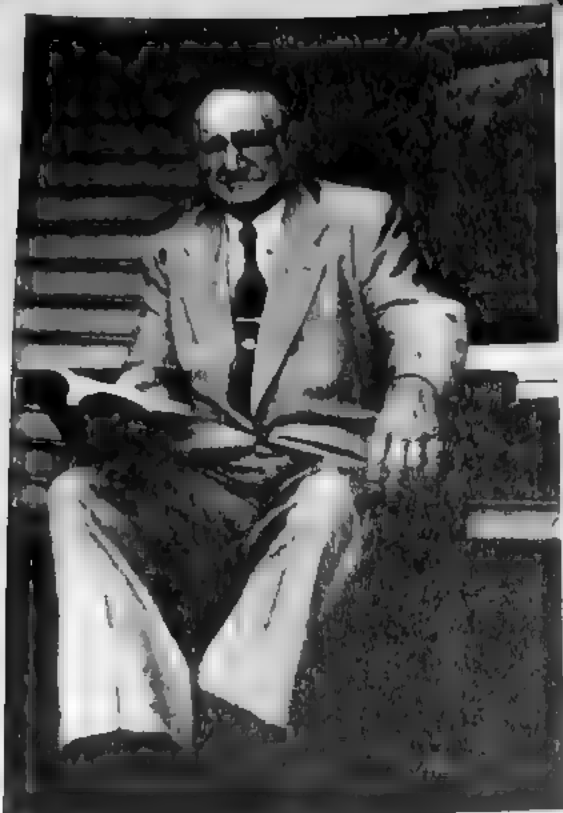


1900
Morgan



Hauling
Sugar water
To make
maple Syrup

Sarah & sister at school
30 on road
2000 with bucket
run 2000 on horse carrying milk
Cauldron Sugar water
To make maple syrup: 1900



E.D. Sharp



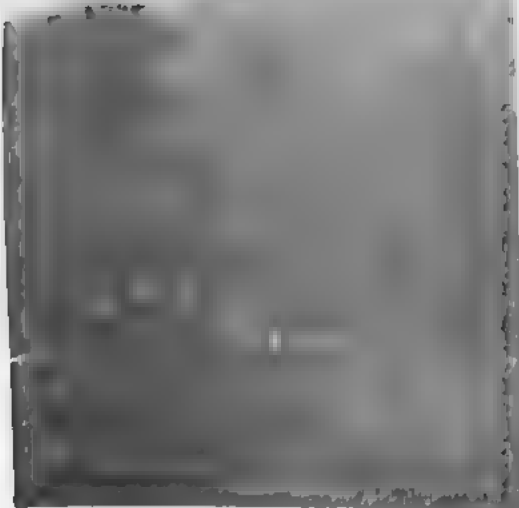
Laura Jane (Morgan) Sharp



Si



"Ed's" low school house



8 18
 Ralph Denwick & D. L. Lang

Log School Henry W. L. & L.
 1911

We have
 clear photo's

1911



The old mill dam and Great mill
at Slaty fork

closed at
Slaty fork

Luther Belmont

at Slaty fork



Hernest Wayne

Wife

Knicker

Wife

Wife

Wife

old mill dam

at the old mill dam

Brice Driffin mill at Slaty fork

(Cir 1917)



Robert
L.

18th
→
looking
north



18th Sharp mark and

18th (Sharp) curtain/generator

LUTHER
HELMENTOLLER

→ Conrad
Hoffman

During
the 1st



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Koyon

18th Sharp

LONG MORGAN



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at bridge creek near changes



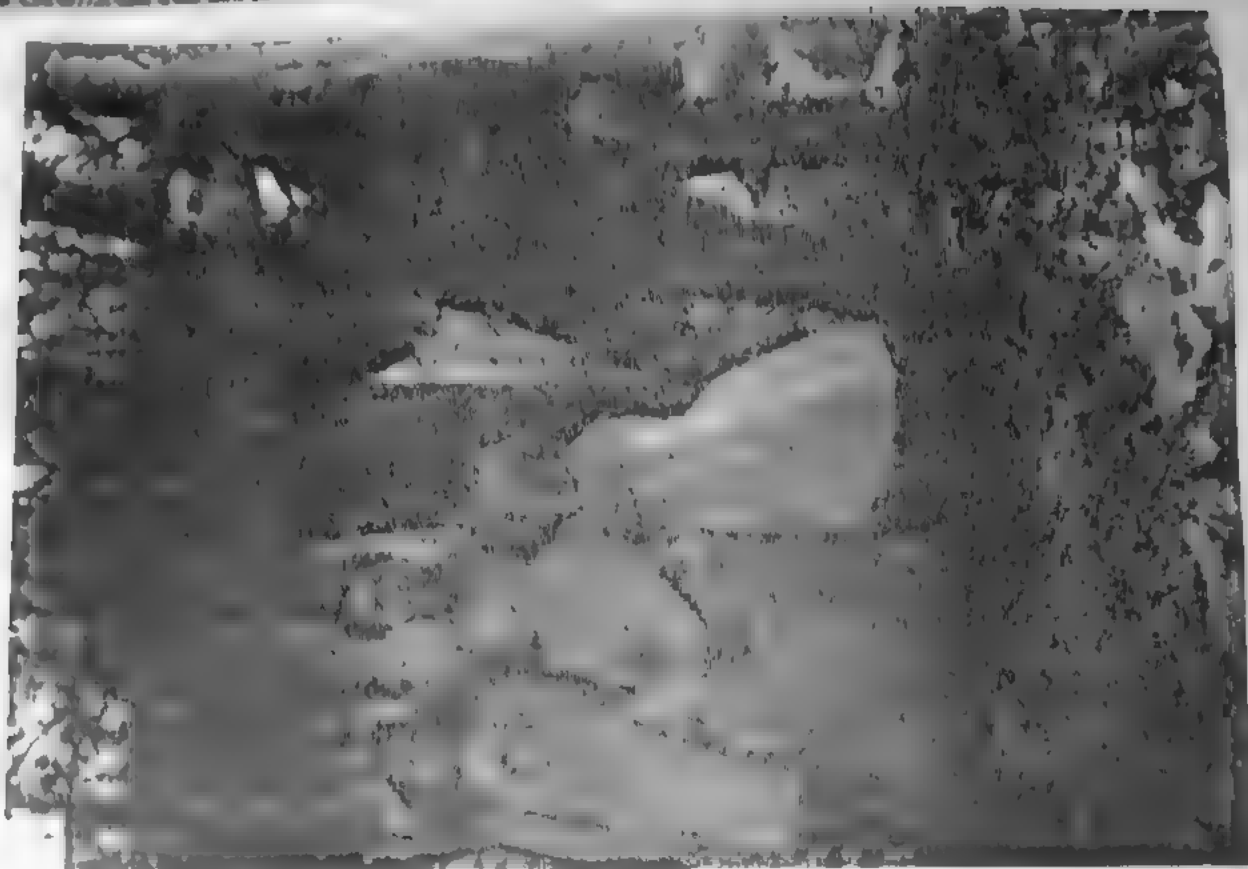
at bridge creek

at bridge creek



at bridge creek

19



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5th
+
Mrs.
children choir



from
Eva



7/24

from
Mrs. 5th

TAKAMURA SPRING



Jan 1950

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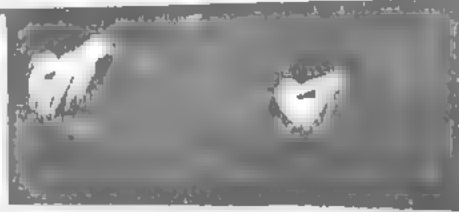
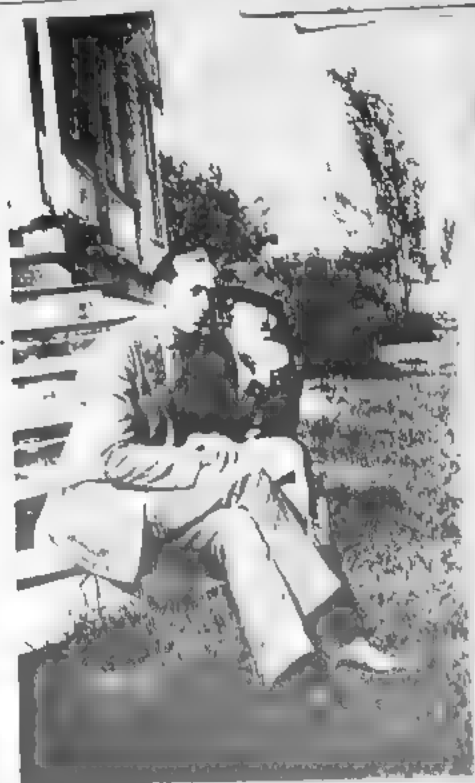


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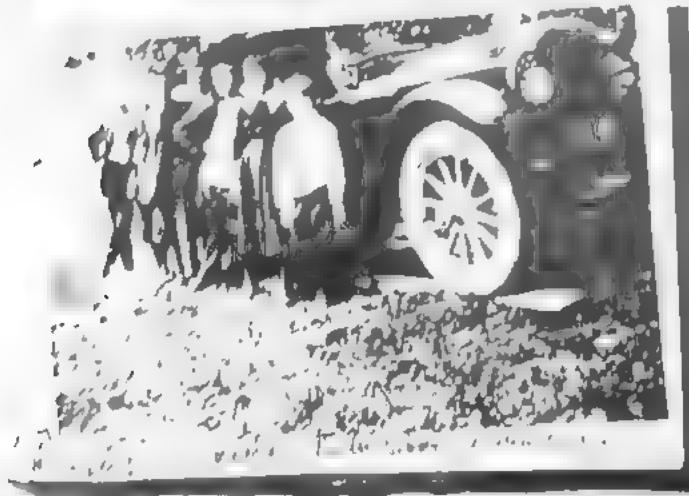
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1906 & 1907



1907, 1908, 1909
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From
Creak's album 23



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From
Sue's album



and
Brenton



Oct 1916 Freda Sharf



Freda



Oct 1916
Freda Sharf

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John
on side
holding

John
inside

JD on
back
of spring
wagon

John
inside



JD + John
young John

JD
way



JD
JD



John
now

John
inside
11:00

JD on the
back
of the
spring
wagon





John & Mary May



Pauline (Mrs) May

John & Mary
John & Mary



John & Mary
John & Mary



John & Mary



John & Mary
John & Mary



Wesley
Hunt

Wesley
Hunt



Wesley
Hunt

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Wesley
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J 28

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**FINLAND
NOW
ONE
CENT**

THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN
ON THIS SIDE

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN
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Slatyford Church



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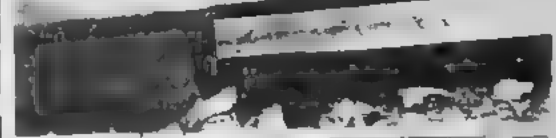
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Y K
on road
at the
12/29



Miss Emma Morgan



Frank Boyer & family
at the hotel company shop



Miss Emma Morgan

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Walter School
about 1924 (?)



L.D. + his friends

Flora



YOU TO DRINK



at the Reunion--Sept. 1950

Dear Clara:

Clara took this candid picture of Dad at the reunion.

The camera seemed to have captured a glimpse of that elusive, ethereal presence he experienced in having his children all home again.

Can't you just see him in memory as he talked to you on that eventful day? That treasured quality of good humored true friendliness in the laughter of his smile which lights up his face like a heavenly illumination, makes him seem very near and very dear to each one of us. With love and fond memories
Ade



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"Dad" and son, Ivan.
June 1, 1958

"Dad" and son, Ivan.
Summer 1958

"Dad" and son, Ivan.
at Ivan's home
1958

"Dad" and son, Ivan.
at Ivan's home
1959

"Dad" the hunter.
Nov. 1955

He shot the squirrel
out of the piñon
tree just behind him
and he is standing
beside the old barn.
The squirrel fell from
the tree with a broken
back. Dad tried to
step on it's head and
the squirrel bit at
his pants leg!

and family
Christmas 1950
(in kitchen)

Left to right:

Violet
Kathy
Paul
Ivan
Dad
Mable
Genevieve
Bashful II
Dave
Ivan
Sylvia at bottom



21 in / 1963

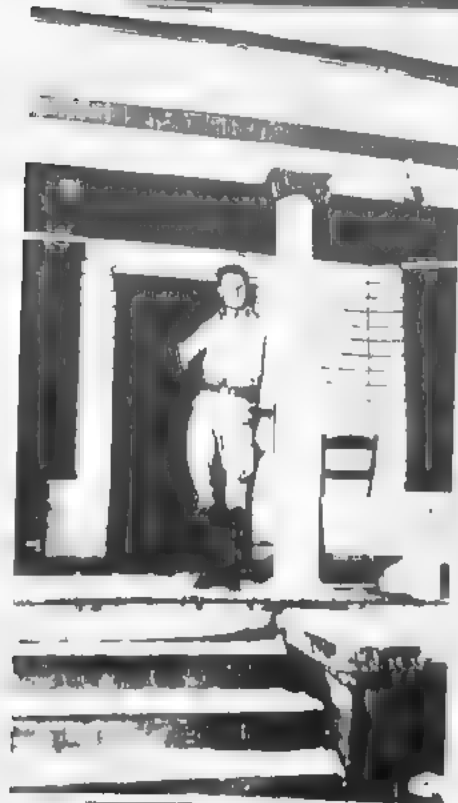


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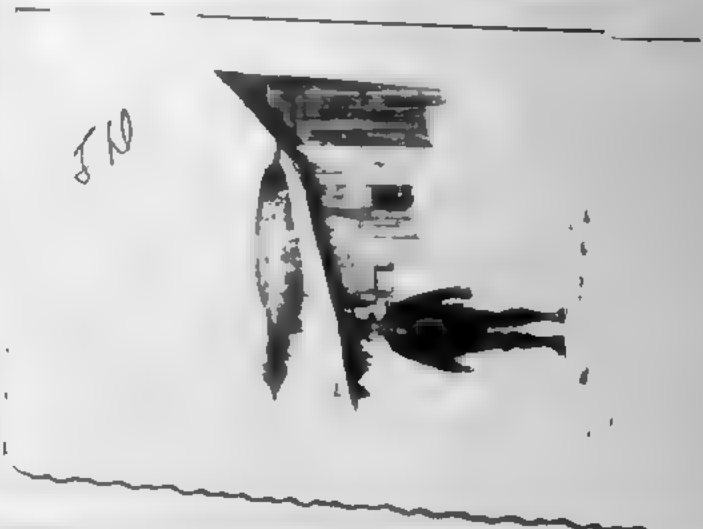
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5-10-11



Lil
+
son
6-6-12



Paul + Vonda
Burlan
- 1912



Eunice + Be Sharp 1982



Bees + Be



THE SHARP FAMILY



IVAN SHARP
EVAN





Barbara, John, Peter (10th grade), (Dorothy & 11th grade), Helen, Thomas, Tom, Stephen



Paul & Kathleen Sherry



Walter Linda Sykes

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Benny & Linda
Eduardo
Xmas 1980

David Hannah house

340

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Left side of road
Right side of road
Place at Blatysork

Robert Portier
L. D. Laura
+ 2 children
Adair Hill

old home place
of Blatysork



(1)

1893

Saturday

Edray, W. Va.

Dear Friend:

I was very glad to get your letter that
 arrived Wednesday evening. I am
 glad you shot a bear & find you
 and to hear you were well.
 Willie and I have both been sick lately
 but are better now. Pa went to
 New Creek this morning.
 Mrs. Egan is worse as right sick. The
 doctor says she has the fever. I was
 about to see her this evening it snowed.
 I so they did not want me to
 come home. Flora brought me some
 on a horse. If it keeps on snowing.
 like it has been it will soon

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(2)

is as deep as it was two weeks
 ago, it is almost too cold for
 sleighing now. I seen Mrs. Giller
 going to Marlinton on a sleigh. I say
 it would be dark before she would
 get home. Mr. Hardy and I have not
 taken any sleigh ride yet, I don't
 think we will as we can help it,
 it would be nice if we would ever
 take some on the sleigh riding,
 and then would go with another
 fellow. I don't think I will go
 with him again, as seeing choice.
 It has been right lonesome since
 school has closed, but I am glad it
 has closed, it has been so cold this
 week. I believe we would have
 frozen in that cold school house.
 I never did see cold weather last
 fall. I have not entirely laid
 my books aside I did not quite
 get through some of them, and

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Letter from Edray W. Va. to L. B. Sharp Jan 14, 1893. This letter was received
 in March 1893 at the Methodist Church, Greenville, S.C. by the pastor
 (The Rev.)

"May thy life be one sweet dream,
and one bright long summer day.
And like the winter evergreen,
May it never fade away."

My dear Mr. & Mrs. Jackson:
I took over the summer home.

Mr. Jackson, I was want-
ing Pa to send me to Phillips
to school, he said he would board
me for half price. As asked me if
I wanted to go I told him, no,
which did not say why.

I believe the people are very well
satisfied with the entertainment
Saturday night, if they are
am, Mr. Jackson was here Thurs-
day (1. whole) I did want to had
to tell him what he said about
me, but I did not have a good chance
to tell him, he told the truth when
he said I was ugly, I did not care
that, but as for me being "proud"
I stuck up, it is not so.

I was as handsome as he is, I
believe I would talk about other
people being ugly, and stuck
up. Mr. Jackson said

(4)

I received the present you sent me and appreciated it. but I would much rather you had not sent it. You must excuse this badly written and composed letter. I must close for this time. Your true and loving friend, Laura Morgan.

(5) I was with you on the 1st of the month. If he were you he would go to see Kamma, because she is the best look-
ing. Perhaps he told you so I don't know.

You certainly were treated in a kind
Sunday night, and I received
get a nice photo graph.

I was very much surprised to get
a letter from Cousin Katie Manger,
she always writes such long letters,
she writes all the news, and so
much mischief.

You will have a cold time
if you go to the store Co. next week.

I think my ring is so nice
it is rather tight, but then
no one can get it off.

I have never taken it off since you
put it on. I would not give it
up for any one else's ring.

I said we should this
 year. I was afraid to send me.
 I never was any excessive
 in my good I want to
 to cut up at school. Mr. Barlow is
 not very strict but he wants us
 get the lesson given
 to go all the school, I like to go
 when I did.

You need not be afraid
 that I will lose your letters
 for we are not going to
 any one. It is useless to me
 and you not to know
 which, because I have
 not any, I will not
 correspond to a war, except
 the doctor and not
 the man. I am in the
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Leichte als leichtes
gerod. Laura M. M.

Edna Fern. H. is
Cit 24th - 92

Q 24th - 92

Little Snipe

from ground well -

endeavor to write you a few lines
in answer to your kind letter, I

received some time ago, I would

have written some but was very busy, and I thought perhaps you should come over to the meetings.

The meeting commenced yesterday.
There was very good meeting of last
night, viz: a. d. 1st meeting every
night except Saturday night,

The meeting will last over Sunday,
day, commencing before it closes.

It is such nice weather
for visiting now.

13 of Jan. I want to go to see
her again some time. it is a long
time I'd go. I would love to go to
see Aunt Sallie ^(same name, Whang, Wane) while she is living.
Genevieve is better than she was.
she can walk over here and back
she still has a girl staying with
her. Mary had all her layers feather
pilled three weeks ago. she has
had an awful time of it. she
has an abscess on her gums. she
has landed the place and has a
poultice on it and the doctor wanted
her to go in. I am and have
my if Ray made up of it. but
she said she was not able
she has had an awful bad
cold too. she could not get
any one to stay with her. They got
a woman to stay a few hours
one day. The aunt had been in
the hospital and was much sick
and his sister's husband had
Pneumonia, so none of his people
could help them any.

Sauri wrote to her brother Will - Before 1928 or 1929

4 ~~But~~ who married ~~John~~
3 ~~John~~ was not feeling well and
his mind is bad. They went
last week to Ponchartraine & the hospital
and he came back and they say
he is no better. he is at home
it is a pity for him. They have 8
children, and they want every thing
that is going. They want sick, on
all the children. They want the best
that is going but never think of the
pay. Virgie was over 5 day and
helped clean up the steps. Joe
is getting real frail he patters
around, we can hardly hear.
They are cutting timber up on the
Jim Jackson place and have a
saw mill close Harry Sheltons
they have a camp there and Ella
Gibson Coake there. I want to
send Ruby something for her
Birthday. I will send Edith a hand
bag if I can send it in my
love to you all from Laura Sharp
written to her brother Comogen

No mention of 1st of Nov. - 3-18-1897
to a girl who about a year ago
(Ada born 2-21-1894) to the writer about 1896

Willy is still working
for Mr. Pat Henry.
Willie has not been over
to see his girl for a few
days, but he thinks
he will go soon.
We had a right dry
weather until the latter
day it rained and has
been raining some
ever since. The onions
are beginning to come up
somehow. I planted a
few Genesee cherry flowers
last week and they are
coming up some now.
I washed some today.
Well what is Ada doing
Lewanto, see her over
top of the forest - her

kind her for me and
don't whip her at all.
Mr. Henry Morrison and
wife are going along good
they have been to the
William Morrison to
a log rolling. He has been
cleaning off his own
ground today and is
too tired to write this
time. Well I will close
my interesting letter
for this time by
asking you to write
soon.

Thine your sister
Miranda Morgan

Letter from Miss sister Laura May
(Morgan)

Letter to Ivan by his mother, Laura

March 2

(1921 ?)

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Dear Ivan:

March 2

(*Given in Buchanan (?)*)

(page 1)

I received your letter and card both last night. I should have gotten the letter of course I could do up your clothes, but they might get washed up getting to the railroad. You know they have to be carried horseback to Cloverlick and some times the mail gets wet. It is raining tonight. I came over to the store and stayed over tonight. There is some snow on the north side.

(page 2) I heard today that Cad Gilmore was arrested at Spruce for bootlegging whiskey. They were making it at Cheat Bridge and he was it on the train and selling \$500 or that's what I heard.

ed one other man and Gilmore was fined and Resa (Higgins?) were drunk. Coyner was not drunk but John (Slanker?) and Resa (Higgins?) were drunk. Hattie (McClung) said she would not have minded(?) if if John or Alfred (Higgins) had hurt him. But to have to carry a (scar?) made by *with a screw stick* Resa was the limit. Resa had on her fine dress and she sat

(page 3) ~~Bill~~ in the cabbage that she had for supper. People talk awful about John and Resa. Bill (who *is a fox*) and Sam (Higgins?) moved the wool out of the Curtis house today so I suppose they will move.... Nannie (Higgins?) is as hot as a fox. She sent Sam over for a big box to put the thin s in and I was in a minute and she had three boxes in the floor. She said over there this morning she washed those little darned (horses or houses) were all burned up. I am afraid she is mean enough to burn them if she had her things out of there. She has no where to go only ~~-(page 4)~~--if where they came from. And she says she is not going there. Papa (LD) and I got an invitation to the inaugural ball at Charleston, but I don't expect we will go. ha, ha. The boys have their fishing tackle and fishing catalog. I am glad you got the "Times". Papa was around the hill and cut a lot of grafts to graft some apples in the spring. Papa wrote out a notice to take to Uncle Hugh about not selling apples on Sunday. Uncle Hugh sells honey and apples to the Bohunks. They could come any day, they are so close by.

The following on different paper, but apparently to Ivan, maybe mailed at the same time --?? *Pages 1, 2, 3 + 4, (on 5, 6, 7 + 8)*

(March 3, 1921 Well I have come over to the new house. It rained and the creek is full Sam & Bill have gone to the commissary(?) The stores have come () and I suppose they will have lotsof *from a woman (husband)* ... there now... Delphia has sent her draft by Cecil to pass to have it cashed, and he has sent men *there* paying for her board and she has Nannie went (slugging?) out to the barn this morning where Sam was. I guess she thought Hattie might go out to see (page 2) him. Hattie never looked at him. Papa said Nannie would not speak to him this morning. The girls asked Papa about (stamp?) and he told them to go out to the house to get them... (stamps?) I reckon Nan would not let them go over. She just acts like a mad bull all the time she is a (rearing?) about a lamb of hers. Papa said he was keeping her sheep for nothing and paying Sam and Bill for looking after her sheep as well as his own. She is so mad about Luther's ma.... moving down. (page 3) Mrs. Tracy is real poorly I heard they did not expect her to live anytime. She is a good woman and (told) not to be afraid to die. Matilda Hoover is home now. Mrs. Hoover has a very bad cold. I am sending Creola a couple waists. She wants Violet to select her some clothes at Baltimore. Ada was a little better, but real poorly when she wrote. Her cost nearly \$4 each. (page 4) (4) Well I have written all I know to write I will not get to write so often when the spring work comes on. Papa wants me to go to attend the store so he can sew pass seed over here. There is not many cutting tim-ber now but the Bohunks. Well I will have to close for this time.

(*I think mother from Sam's ma cooked*) *don't Nannie Higgins live in Curtis house?*

I heard to flying this Oak
Bismore was expected at
the road for breakfast
when they were making
at Chest Bridge
he was in a great
the train and feeling
springs we were they
accepted one of the
and Gilman legs find
to be up to that
I heard. Cynner was
not. Chunks lost person
undisturbed were only
Halter and the world
of home provided
at the Wilson's
which by the
to carry a secret
Reed, was the
Papa and the
Others

and where they came from
old all of us were but
going there. Papa and I
got a more than
they are all but at
Charleston but I don't
expect we will go to the
the boys have at there
has fought and they
Colabour. I am glad
got the time.
I hope was around the
hill and got a lot
of letters to go off
from letters in the
Papa letter only a
letter to make the
at the end of the
on going. not to
Sells brought out
to the B. B. B. B. B.
and the other

Note to copies:

Of sheets (49) & (50)

is too bad

Then leave them off

- as they are typed up on page (45)

OK

Man Celebrates 88th Anniversary

SLAY FORD (RNS) — "Just keep on — keeping on" is to what I attribute my 88 years," said Luther David Sharp on his 88th anniversary. "I feel like I am still young. We work like that at times if it were not for work," Sharp stated.

Sharp was born at 10:15 a.m. on Feb. 11, 1892, at Slaty Fork, W. Va. He was educated in the schools of Letcher County. As a child, Sharp said he could remember that they would have three meals a day. They had bread for breakfast, for dinner, and for supper. They had meat and for supper they had both of them with lots of apples, and apples, or sauce and pies.

"He was a farmer, I remember," said Sharp. "I can remember when there was no buggy or automobile. When a family bought the first lamp and around here a daughter in the family shipped it out and brought it to our house and asked us to hide it because she was afraid it would break up and kill their whole family. All the cooking had to be done over an open fire place."

"My father was a farmer who liked to hunt and fish. I have always liked to hunt and fish, and have gotten a deer each year of my life up until two years ago," Sharp remarked, "guess I am getting old."

When Sharp was 15 years old he went into the store business at Slaty Fork on the old railroad. After the building of the new road, he built his present home in 1917. For 70 years he has been in the general store business. At the present time is assisted by Luther David Sharp Jr., of Cincinnati, Ohio, who runs the store and Mrs. Henry Gibson manages it. Sharp married a former Miss Laura Jane Morgan and they have five children, L. D. Sharp Jr. head of the Nitro; Paul of Port Neches, the



LUTHER DAVID SHARP

Texas, Silas S. Sharp, at home, and Mrs. Violet Markland of Richmond, Va. After the death of his first wife several years ago, Sharp married the former Miss Mabel Hansford of Marlinton,



Notice to "Confederates" giving date of list.

A. S. OVERHOLT, P. M.

Farm For Sale.

About 385 acres, fine grazing, farming and fruit land. Some timber and an excellent orchard of improved trees. This land is so situated that there has never been a fruit failure. Good house, two barns, well watered, in good community. About five miles from depot, most of the distance being Macadam road. Address, Times Office, Marlinton, W. Va.

FOR SALE:—A small grist mill known as Griffin mill on Big Spring of Elk. Good water power all the year round. About 1 1/2 acres of land, with small dwelling. For further particulars apply to S. C. Gifford Slaty Fork, W. Va.

Notice to "Confederates"

The meeting of Moffett Page Camp of Confederate Veterans is called to meet at the Times Office in Marlinton on Saturday, April 9 for the purpose of electing officers, appointing delegates to the Reunion at Mobile, and transacting any other business that may come before the Camp. A good attendance is desired.

LEVI WAUGH, Commander.
E. D. KING, Adjutant.

Contractors Wanted.

We will let to contract the cutting of twenty thousand cords of pulp wood this season. As big a contract as you can handle can be secured. Apply at once to WILLIAMS & PARR, 1st National Bank Building, Marlinton, W. Va.

Ed. wrote from Fla. 1925

Pocahontas

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Jan 1919 YEAR

Mrs. Carrie H. Dilley, of Dilley's Mill, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Birdie O. Dilley, the past two months, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGuire's little boy continues to improve.

Charles Galford has gone to Marlinton where he has opened a jewelry repair shop.

The directors of the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company met Saturday. The officers are L. D. Sharp, president; S. McIlroy, vice-president and general manager; J. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer. The most important business transacted was the cutting out of free phones after January 1; the extending of the short line wire down Elk wherever the extension of the company's business justifies it; the cooperation of the different mutual companies entering the Marlinton switchboard will be asked in order to install two phones, one in the C. & O. station and the other in the freight office.

The W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. have scheduled a daily passenger (Sundays excepted) from Cass to the commissary near Slaty Fork, beginning January 1. The train will leave Cass in early morning, returning in time to connect at noon with the up C. & O. train. This will be the main line to Webster Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gibson were Marlinton visitors, Friday.

James Gibson got tired of skinning his sheep handling backlogs and foresticks and has now installed steam heat in his house.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Loan are spending the holidays at Millboro, Virginia.

Bina Moss and Earl Gibson are visiting at Howardsville, Va.

Joe Buzzard was on Elk this week contracting for lambs for next fall.

Married, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. O. H. Anderson, December 26, 1913, Clarence Blacklee and Miss Glenna Sharp. The bride is the eldest daughter of James and Mary Blacklee and a very promising lady.

FROM FLORIDA

We have taken our east coast tour, and on arrival back to our home in Orlando, will give you a part of our experience. The first day we went through Cocoa City, Indian River City and several small towns and reached Melbourne City at about the right time to pitch our tent. We were directed to the tourist camp and found it to be the best camp we have seen on the east coast. And as my son and I are fond of fishing we enquired where we could go fishing that night and were told that the best place to fish in all the country was off the Indian River bridge. The bridge is two miles long. We got flashlights, hooks and lines and pulled out for the fish market to get shrimp for bait and found that they did not have any, so we went to the grocery and bought some meat rind. When we got to the bridge and were telling the fishermen about our bad luck in not being able to get shrimp, they said "you did not need any bait, we are all fishing with a small piece of white rag." I thought they were kidding me, but soon saw that they were actually catching them thick and fast with the white rag and hook. One man had a small piece of oil cloth on his hook and they used it just as we use an artificial fly in West Virginia. We had heavy sinkers on our lines and continued to fish with the meat rind until my son caught a trout, and took one of its gills and in a short time we caught all we could eat for breakfast. I never saw so many fish caught in so short a time in all my life. Some had fifty or more nice trout, and there must have been 200 people fishing and all were catching fish. One man told me that he had caught 700 trout the night before on a hook that was run through a piece of his white handkerchief. Ask Dick Smith if he can beat that man's fish story.

The next day we pulled straight ahead for Palm Beach and we reached the ocean in time to go out on the great long pier and catch a mess of fish for breakfast. Then we drove around among the beautiful palm trees and flowers and looked at all beautiful scenery on Palm Beach. Then we drove over to West Palm Beach to the tourist's camp, and instead of finding the camp among the line coconut and palm trees we found it located where there were but few shade trees, and the tourists were not very well pleased with the camp, but we made it all right.

The next day we drove down to Hollywood and pitched our tent to my new Sunday. This city has been building only four years and

in bathing. We drove out to Coral Gables where so many rich men are spending their money in lots and fine buildings. It is no place for a poor man. Miami is getting pretty well up with Chicago for crime. We found some tourists who were afraid to go to Miami on account of so much robbing and so many murders in the last year. That was one reason why Sharp camped outside of Miami.

We took another shoot out from Miami and went down the east coast as far as the road is cut out. The first city of any size below Miami was Homestead. We went on below Florida City along way down until we found no more road. There is a vast rich country and there are thousands of acres of tomatoes, and as the old saying is "I never saw tomatoes before." I did not see anybody but negroes living between these cities, and the negroes had many boxes of tomatoes along the road to sell to tourists. We bought the best tomatoes I ever saw for two cents per pound; that was all they asked for them. There are many tomato packing houses and the packers no doubt are buying tomatoes from the negroes for a song and they are shipping them up north and making a fortune on them.

Florida is not considered much for corn, but I never saw better corn grow any place than in one section down near the jumping off place. The corn looked to be much higher than a man's head—probably ten or twelve feet high—and such a dark green color that the land must be very rich.

We went out to a Seminole Indian village. There were about fifty Indians there. Some of them work in the packing house. We parked our car by the roadside and walked out to the Indian camps among the jungles, and when I saw the Indians sitting flat on the ground in squads and looking so strange at us, it very near got my nerve. I tried to get them to talk, but they would only say yes and no. They were cooking out on the ground and we could tell the meat they were cooking was more than ripe—anyway we did not stay for dinner. The children about six years old and under had no clothes on. The Indians were all barefooted but the older ones had on clothes of many colors. While we were at this village a very large swarm of bees passed over us and looked as if they were going to settle on a pine tree, but they slowly moved on. I suppose the Indians have plenty of honey to eat. It looks bad that our government does not educate the Seminoles. I am sure they are getting lower all the time.

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L. D. Sharp



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 Misses Mabel F... and Ora
 ... are visiting with
 Charlotteville, Va.

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...FORTY YEARS
 has been added to YOUR
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WARM SPRINGS, VA.

Quite a number of our town people attended the Sunday school convention which was held at Millboro last Tuesday and Wednesday. They report a large crowd and an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Walter Ricks of Covington visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Liskue, the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gum and little son John E., spent last Sunday with Mrs. Gum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Rineal.

W. J. Pritchard of Frost, spent a week with his family here and returned to Frost last Wednesday.

Miss Willie Vines spent last Wednesday night with her friend Miss Annie Lupton Campbell.

Sam Mann of Augusta county, was the guest of friends here last week.

Mrs. D. B. Agner and grandson William Snider returned from several days visit to Mrs. Agner's daughter, Mrs. Alinson, who lives in Covington.

Howard Campbell, returned Saturday from Dayton where he attended school the past winter.

SLATY FORK

Very dry now and rain much needed.

W. T. Morgan has gotten an automobile.

L. D. Sharp and Miss Mariam Morgan were in Marlinton Friday night.

Miss Gladys Baughman is visiting her grandfather, Sholl Hannah Sam Moore passed through this part last week.

Miss Violet Sharp has returned home from Marlinton where she had been attending High School.

Miss Elizabeth Roads, of Ohio, who taught in the Marlinton High School the past winter, is spending a few days at L. D. Sharp's.

Rev. Mr. Coffman preached to a large congregation last Sunday afternoon.

The railroad is being pushed on down the river. They are running trains both day and night.

Shearing sheep is the order of the day here.

Miss Ada Sharp is expected home the first of June from Boston, Mass., where she has been attending Conservatory.

LOBELIA

Weather fine; hot days, cool nights and is getting very dry. Corn is coming on.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure

The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar
NO ALUM, NO LIME PHOSPHATE

Notice, Contractors

IN THE MATTER OF BIDS IN CONSTRUCTION OF 258 RODS OF ROAD IN THE HUNTSVILLE DISTRICT

Bids will be received by the County Court until noon, June 23rd, 1914, for construction of 258 rods of road in Huntersville district, near J. H. Bazzard's being a re-election of the Hill road in the direction of Brown's Creek located by J. H. Kramer, said road to be 14 feet wide, and to be built according to specifications in lands of Heveret Diley, Road Superintendent and approved by him, one-half in length of said road to be built in the present year, and completed by Dec. 31st, 1914, the remaining half in the following year, 1915. This arrangement to permit of the financing of this road without unduly burdening the road fund of the Huntersville district.

(C. J. McCauley, Clerk.)

Commissioner's Notice

Pursuant to a decree entered by the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia at the April term of said Court in the "Clavery" cause of Charles Friel vs Ira Shinnaberry. Notice is hereby given to all parties in interest that as required by the said decree, I will proceed at my office in the town of Marlinton, West Virginia on Tuesday the 14th day of July 1914 to take state and report to the Court the following matters of account, to-wit:

First. A complete statement showing the liens and their priorities against the lands of two defendant.

Second. What lands the defendant owns in this jurisdiction and a description of the same.

Third. Whether the said real estate will in five years rent for a sum sufficient to pay off and discharge the liens thereon.

Fourth. Any other matter deemed pertinent by the court, honor or request by any party in interest.

(S. H. SHARP, Commissioner in Chancery.)

NOTICE TO LIEN HOLDERS

To all persons holding liens by judgment or otherwise on the real estate or any part thereof of Ira Shinnaberry.

In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, entered at the April term of said Court in the "Clavery" cause of Charles Friel vs Ira Shinnaberry.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY COURT CLERK

To the Voters of Pocahontas county: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Pocahontas county and promise if elected to serve the people of this county to the best of my skill and judgment. As you know I have had many years experience in this work and I would be glad to take it up again.

Respectfully,
S. L. BROWN.

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK

To the voters of Pocahontas County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in nominating candidates.

As I am engaged in school work now and will be for some time, it will not be possible for me to see all the voters of the county, so I shall ask you through the columns of this paper for your support and influence.

G. FORREST HULL.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.

Geo. D. Oliver,
Cass, W. Va., Feb. 23, 1914

We are authorized to announce M. Lacy Johnston as a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR COMMISSIONER

We are authorized to announce J. S. McNeel as a candidate for Commissioner of the County Court, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

To the Voters of Pocahontas County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party in nominating. I promise, if nominated and elected to serve the people of this county to the best of my ability.

vs Harvey Friedman judgment
 \$108.50
 State vs Pete Snyder, forfeiture on
 bail bond
 Bank of Marlinton vs R. R. Snede-
 gar and others, judgment \$108.81.
 State vs Lee Vint, not guilty.
 State vs John Milam, guilty, sen-
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 Dist. House granted Paria D
 Younger and Park McNeil,
 State vs Roy Houchlin, verdict
 guilty of murder in second degree
 State vs Lee Vachende, confess-
 ed, sentenced 6 months in jail
 State vs Matus Libonick, guilty
 two years in pen
 State vs John Rosa, guilty, \$150
 and costs
 State vs E. D. Burner, \$20 and six
 months in jail, charge carrying a
 gun, still on pending application for
 writ of habeas
 State vs F. W. Sholtz, guilty, \$100
 and six months in jail
 State vs C. P. Hamrick, No 1 & 2
 State vs C. P. Hamrick, not guilty

There has been a lot of moonshining going on on Elk. Some men are too lazy to work and as they make the stuff in no way meet the money, minds and health. The moonshiner must quit his dishonest business or soon be rounded up.

"The way Senators voted on question like this resulted in the re-
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War Recollections.

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THE FIGHT ON FEN

① Company F. 19th V. Co. Ia was organized at Millpoint, DeWitt county, December, 1862. A few days after we organized and before we received our arms, one of our company, Frank McKeever, deserted and went to Beverly and told the Yanks that we were in camp at Millpoint without arms and how nice it would be to capture the company. So some two or three hundred soldiers set out from Beverly to take us in. But a day or two after McKeever deserted we got our arms and had gone over in the upper end of Greenbrier county to try and capture a bushwhacker by the name of McMillon, and had been on the march the greater part of the night without meeting up with McMillon and stopped on the night part of the night in Rockwell to get a little sleep and food for the boys. That night a snow storm about 14 inches deep. After we got something to eat, we had bed up and started on our march to camp.

When we reached the top of Deep Mountain some time later and told of the Yanks being in the levels and had captured our partners and one or two of the company who had been left in camp and burnt all the food and provisions we had. So when we arrived in the levels we were without shelter, food or anything to eat. We scattered out among the farms and got something to eat, and organized for a dash after the Yanks to try to even up with them for what they had done for us in our absence. I think we had about sixty men. Some of Capt. Marshall's company fell in with us after we started on our trail, and proved to be of great help. Then, Price took the advance with Will Pender, Geo. W. Jackson, Joseph Hall, and Henry Sharp with him.

When Capt. McNeel found that he could not open the door he gave it a kick and asked them to surrender. The Yankee Lieut. in command answered him by saying, "Surrender, no, never," and they commenced shooting through the doors and windows and we replied in the same way. A Yankee by the name of McWhorter, from Jane Lew, was shot and killed as he made the attempt to get out of his bed, and another Yankee was killed in the room. At that time the Yankee Lieut. cried out, "I surrender."

Capt. McNeel answered, "I asked you to surrender and you wouldn't, let them have the boys."

Then he said, "I surrender with up-after I look it."

Capt. McNeel then gave the command to cease firing, and we crowded in the house, and while we were in the house Walt Allen and I began to get the boys and made us escape. Well enough he did, I guess, for it is hard to tell what might have been his fate had we gotten him.

All the boys did not know that Lieut. Price and his men were down the road and some of them mistook them for Yanks and fired on them, killing Henry Sharp, which cast a gloom over our victory. We captured eighteen Yanks with their horses and arms, all of which we needed in our business. So we evened up pretty well for what they had done to us.

Frost

Plowing and sugar making is the order of the day.

J. W. Jackson moved to Frost last week. We are glad to see him back again.

B. B. Williams, of Co. A, was around last week shot by the Yanks with his many friends.

Geo. B. Ryder, of H. A. Co., was in the...

ton or Edray, but not if them at either place we full them to Elk. When we got where the road left the pike to William Moore's, Lieut. Price called that some had taken road and had not returned waited there for the troops come up and when it got called for volunteers to go him to Mr. Moore's and nearly frozen, and we, we make the trip a foot, I dismounted to make the trip, thinking it was my bravery that caused me but just simply to keep from ing. Well we were soon at Moore's and surrounded the and Lieut. Price called to Moore and asked him if he any one stopping with him at night. He said, "Yes, there a couple gentlemen stopping him." He told Mr. Moore wished to see them, and we and brought the gentlemen which proved to be two Y. We went to the stable and their horses put the Yanks a string and started back. (The Yanks was Sergeant M the other a high private, I be When we got back to the was good and warm. We set two prisoners back toward I and then Lieut. Price and his men started on to Gib When we got to the Moffatt we all dismounted, hitched horses to the fence by the and Lieut. Price and his went on in front. When we to Polly Gibson's, Lieut. Price and his men passed he went on down the road to just beyond the house. The of the command surrounded house. The Yankee picket had been on duty had gone the house and was trying to some one to go out and take place; so there was no pick duty when we got there. Arms were stacked in one of the rooms. We thought would open the door and report the Yanks as they lay on floor. Capt. McNeel tried open the door but it had been used and a bed set against it.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 1928

The state was formed in 1863, and in the early part of 1864 a regiment of state guards was formed at Buckhannon, and of this regiment Pocahontas county furnished one company, captained at times by Captain Sam Young, a minister, and later by Captain L. W. Allen. Captain Young preached at the sulphur spring on Youngs Creek, (Ellis Sharp's) on May 1st, 1864, and made an appointment to preach there again in forty years after. A great concourse of people gathered there in 1894 to keep the appointment, but the captain was

Godfrey Gelger says that he and his brother Adam Gelger were called

Union soldiers: Captain Samuel Young, Captain I. W. Allen, Lieut. Wm. Klunison, Corporal John Armstrong, William Hannan, William Gay, George Cochran, Clark Dill, Gwynes Battery, Jeremy D. Cox, E. J. Hannan, Clark Kellison, Newton Wanless, Moffett Wanless, James L.

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year of the war was given over to the
state guards, and I feel that they
have not been given due credit for
their courage and loyalty and effec-

CHARM OF A COUNTRY STORE

If you are passing through Slaty Fork in Pocahontas County, you might want to stop at the Esso Station and gas up for an excuse to have a gander at the store. It is owned by Luther David Sharp and he is trying to retain the quaint charm of an old-time grocery store. As long as he possibly can he wants it to look about the way it did when his father with the same first and second name started the store in 1925. The elderly Mr. Sharp died a couple of years ago at the age of 91. The present owner lives in Cincinnati where he is in the retail jewelry business and leaves the Slaty Fork managing to Eunice Gibson. She'll be happy to show you the store and the few mounted specimens of wild life that are there.

The senior Sharp left three other boys and a girl. They are Ivan of Nitro, St of Slaty Fork, Paul of Port Neches, Texas, and Vi Markland of Richmond, Virginia.

"Hillbilly", Richwood, W. Va. Sept 25 1965

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I The Children of William Sharp (1740-1833) and
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THEIR DAUGHTERS

- James - - Married Ann Waddell, 4-28-1800
John - - " Sally McCollam 8-27-1804
Andrew - - " Nancy Drinnan 1-18-1806
William Jr. " Elizabeth Waddell 9-29- 1798

- Nancy- Married Levi MOORE 1-21-97
Mary " Arthur Grimes 1-21-97
Rachel " Jonathen Griffin 8-12-1806
Peggy " Francis Wilson 5-14-1811
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* No record of Andrew except
his marriage bond and mention
in his fathers will.

II The Children of William Sharp Jr. (1772-1860) and his
Wife Elizabeth Waddell

Their Sons

- James Sharp - Married Althea Martin
Alexander Sharp " Mary Dilley
Jacob Warwick Sharp " Elizabeth McNeel
* William Sharp 3rd. " Rachel Dilley
* John Sharp " Sally Johnson

Their Daughters

- Mary married David Gibson
Elizabeth " Hugh McGlaughlin
Martha " Andrew Dilley
Ann married Alexander Stalnaker
Ellen " Warwick "
Jane " James Hanson
Rebecca " Wm. D. Moore
Nancy " Jacob Cassell

- * Dave Sharp volunteered to write
Family History of William 3rd)
* Charles H. Sharp volunteered to
write Family History of John Sharp

by — "Ward Sharp"

WILLIAM SHARP SR.
1740-1833

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM SHARP SR. LEST WE FORGET.

The footprints of the name of Sharp have been indelibly imprinted on this land before the Revolution and most certainly before there was a Pocahontas County. This is a small attempt to trace some of these footprints that have traversed these lands for a period of over two hundred years. They have their beginnings in one pioneer by the name of William Sharp Sr. The underlined names show the line of descent from the pioneer to the writer. Each spouse is shown in parenthesis.

William Sharp ¹⁷⁴⁰⁻¹⁸³³ Sr. was the pioneer settler of the Huntersville vicinity and was the first to open up a permanent residence. It was located a few rods from the forks of the Dunmore and Huntersville road. Mr. Sharp located here about 1773. He saw service as a scout, spy and soldier against the Indians and the British. His affidavit made in 1832 indicated four short tours of service totaling more than two years and six months. These include an expedition against the Indians on the Muskhogam River in the fall of 1764 to March 1765; service as an Indian spy during the summer of 1773 and summer of 1774; served as a scout and messenger from the summer of 1774 to December 1774; drafted early January 1781 and was in a skirmish against the British at Portsmouth, Va. where he was discharged in April 1781.

The nature of his service as an Indian spy was to guard Warwicks Fort situated on the headwaters of the Greenbrier River, to traverse the surrounding mountains and to watch the caps and passes for Indians coming towards the settlements. Later he continued to guard the settlement forming on the Greenbrier River, reconnoitering the country between the headwaters of the Greenbrier, Tygarts Valley and Elk Rivers.

He came from Augusta County where he lived at a place then called Peverley Manor near Staunton. He was one of three children of John and Margery Sharp who were orphaned in 1750. The land records have several transactions relating to his

holdings. In 1756 he had 115 acres patented to him on both sides of the Middle River of the Shenandoah. In 1769 there was a land grant of 355 acres on the Greenbrier River, in 1787 another 320 acres on the Waters of the Greenbrier, in 1787 another 270 acres on Ewings Creek, in 1791 another 320 acres on Brown's Creek. Some of this land was used to settle his large family on. His will dated in 1826 shows ten children. (This shows three more children than are recorded in Price's History.)

His wife was Mary Meek(s) daughter of John Meek. Their children were: NANCY (Levi Moore Jr.), MARGARET(John Kelly), JOHN(Sarah McCollam), ¹⁷⁷²⁻¹⁸⁶⁰ WILLIAM(Elizabeth Waddell), RACHEL(Jonathan Griffin), MARY(Arthur Grimes), JAMES(Ann Waddell), ANDREW (Nancy Drinnen), REBECCA(Alexander Waddell Jr.), JANE(Mr. McCollam).

John Sharp who married Sarah McCollam owned tracts of land on the west side of Allegheny of 255 acres and 82 acres, also 238 acres on the head of Lewis Lick Run. The family of four girls are as follows: ELLEN(Amaziah Irvine), MARY(Josiah Friel), REBECCA(John Duffield), NANCY(William H. Irvine). This line of Sharps ends here in the county but a descendant of Mary, Ann Dillon of Columbus, Ohio is writing the Grimes family history of Pocahontas.

James Sharp was a member of the court under the old arrangement, was high sheriff and was held in high esteem for his patriotism and strict scrupulous integrity. One story about him needs to be kept alive. He was an avid hunter, not only for sport but as a matter of business. While living at his first home on Cummings Creek, he had a very sensational adventure on Luckley Mountain. One evening while returning home he was passing along when a panther suddenly mounted a log a few yards in front of him. He shot the animal, but when the smoke cleared away another stood in the same place on the log. This performance was repeated nine times when he panicked and ran home. During the night the remainder of the pack followed his trail home and killed a yearling calf. Properly reinforced, he went back to the spot where he had fired nine times and there found nine dead panthers.

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William and Elizabeth had the following family: JAMES (ALTHEA MARTIN)
 ELIZABETH (Hugh McLaughlin), JANE (James Hanson), WILLIAM (Rachel Dilley), MARY
 (David Gibson), REBECCA (William D. Moore), ANNA (Alexander Stalnecker), ELLEN
 (Warwick Stalnecker), MARTHA (Andrew Dilley), ALEXANDER (Mary Dilley), JACOB WARWICK
 (Elizabeth McNeil), JOHN (Sarah Johnson).

1762-1840 ~~1762-1840~~ ¹⁷⁶²⁻¹⁸⁴⁰ William Sharp Jr. There is the romantic tradition that William Jr. met
 Elizabeth Waddell at the home of Thomas Drinnen at Edray. Thomas had organized a
 congregation and one of the worshippers was William Jr. who came dressed in a coon-
 skin cap. When the young lady returned home she made some funny remarks about the
 homely young man she had seen at the meeting and his furry cap. Her mother said
 the young chap would probably be calling around the first thing she knew. Sure
 enough he did come and on a busy wash day. He found the young lady resting up,
 performing on the spinning wheel in short petticoat, chemise and barefooted. It
 was love at first sight and they became engaged that very day.

This couple at once settled in the woods near Verdant Valley and opened up a
 fine estate out of a forest noted for the tremendous size of its walnut, red oak,
 and sugar maple trees and reared a worthy family. He is listed as one of the most
 substantial and prosperous citizens of the county in its formative period. This
 Verdant Valley, which few people know of today, was located in the area of the Fair-
 view church and school house. The homestead of William Jr. was very visible during
 the mid 1900's as the farm of Jacob Sharp, the brother of Dr. Ward Sharp of Russell,
 Pennsylvania. A son was William III, 1806-1882

John Sharp who married Sarah Johnson and lived at Fairview first, then bought
 on Jerico Road near Marlinton had the following family: HENRY (Elizabeth Moore),
 HUGH (Mary Jane Waugh), WILLIAM EWING (Laury Ann Malcomb), MARY (William Frank Dilley),
 MARTHA JANE (James Wilfong), NANCY ANN (Noah Erving Wilfong), JAMES ALEXANDER (Eleanor
 Wilfong), DAVID WARWICK (Amanda Beverage), SUSAN (Amziah Irvine).

William Ewing Sharp married Laury Ann Malcomb and lived at Fairview near

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Marlinton. Their family consisted of: MARGARET MATTLIDA (Charles H. Bailey), PAUL WARWICK (Mary Catherine Sharp), LUTHER (Died at age 2), ROSA ARIZONA (David Early Webster), MARION MCCOY (Della Jackson), DENEY EDWARD (Gosha Underwood).

Paul Warwick Sharp married his first cousin, Mary Catherine Sharp. To them were born eleven children, including a set of twins: CHARLES JACK (Ora Belle Thompson), LARRY JAMES (Milly Vanreenen), MARLIE MATTLIDA (Cecil Curry), NELLIE ANN (Theodore Vanreenen), HAZEL ELIZABETH (1. Karl Elcessor, 2. _____ Russell), LAYTON EWING (Juanita Remona Tackett), LAULINE CATHERINE (1. Hubert May, 2. _____), OSCAR WARWICK (Margaret Noonan), AUSTIN MCCOY (Fula Mae Underwood), SYLVIA BELL (1. Jack Herman, 2. Robert Schultz, 3. Granville Moore), NINA JUNE (Charles Waybright).

He made his living as a carpenter and as a teamster with lumber companies in the surrounding areas. In later years he settled down to a life of farming on the Jerico Road at Marlinton. As a pastime, he played the fiddle (violin). A number of his children learned to play string music, including the banjo, guitar and the fiddle.

His apple orchard was one of the best. Sunday at his house would find many relatives and friends gathered, which was usually followed with horse shoe pitching, games, etc.

In his later years he loved to sit by the hear with friends spinning yarns of bygone years in hunting, fishing and working in the woods.

Charles Jack Sharp married Ora Belle Thompson and they became the parents of fourteen children: JACK ARWOLD (Margaret Sharp), EARL MILBURN (Mildred Kirkpatrick), LEW WARWICK (Marcel Ann Bates), DIMPSEY THOMPSON (Jeanie Walton), CHARLES HERBERT (Nina Harris), CATHERINE ELIZABETH (Andrew Isler, Raechtel), CRAIG ARTHUR (Betty Shinaberry), DONALD JAMES (Mildred Underwood), TOMMY DAVID (Garnett McCoy), PATRICIA WENONA (Joseph Landureux), BRINDA CAROL (Marvin Doss), LOUISE KAY (Joseph Roy), LESLIE DOUGLAS (Martha Jean Hornum), GLINDA CHARLOTTE (Kenneth Slagle).

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Charles Jack Sharp spent a considerable amount of time during his younger years around logging and lumber operations, since his father was a carpenter and teamster. While attending high school, he worked as a teamster in the summer and attended school in the winter. School at that time was held six months out of the year. He attended West Virginia State Teachers College at Parkersburgh, then taught for nineteen years in the rural schools of Pocahontas County. He was held in high esteem as one who could control students as well as parents in rather rough communities. Places of residences include: the old Jackson place on the Jerico Road, Woodrow, Fairview and the present home at Brownsburg.

He accepted a position with the Farm Bureau during the depression of the 1930's. In 1943 he accepted the position of manager of the Southern States Cooperative Store. After twenty years he took an early retirement due to ill health.

He was also a lover of the outdoors and of his fellow man. There are few people who ever knew him that have been on unfriendly terms. He was an ardent hunter and fisherman. He was a crack shot, winning many prizes in shooting matches. He is one of the best wild turkey and deer hunters that ever walked into the woods. His love for trout fishing will still go on if there is such a thing in the hereafter.

This information was compiled and submitted by Charles Herbert Sharp of Brigham City, Utah with the assistance of Dr. Ward Sharp of Russell, Pennsylvania; Dave Sharp of Cincinnati, Ohio; and Ann Dillon of Columbus, Ohio.)

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The LUTHER DAVID SHARP Family

of Slatyfork

(Spouses in Parenthesis). "Children in quotes"

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- LUTHER DAVID "LD" SHARP, 1872-1963 (Laura Jane Morgan 1874-1932, daughter of Rev. Samuel Morgan of Edray). (His second marriage was to Mabel Mansford.)
- His father was SILAS 1842-1899 (Sarah Hannah 1844-1908, daughter of David Hannah), "Nolinda, Ella, Luther"--"LD".
- Silas' father: WILLIAM 1815-1888 (Rachel Dilley 1806-1882), "Silas, Hugh 1846-1923, Harman, Luther 16, Bernard, Henry, and Mary Ella 6". "Bernard and Henry died as Civil War soldiers, perhaps on different sides. Family tradition says Henry was shot at Bob Gibson's place by his own (confederate) men as a spy for the North. Luther, 16, a civilian, was shot by Confederate Jake Simmons. Silas, also a civilian, was captured the same day and marched to a Salisbury, N. C. prison. After 23 months and 24 days he and the other remaining five alive men were exchanged."
- Silas' grandfather: WILLIAM 1772-1860, (Elizabeth Waddell), "William, James, etc."
- Silas' great grandfather: WILLIAM 1740-1833 the pioneer, (Mary Meeks), "Hancy, Margaret, Rachael, Mary, Jehn, and William." He built the first home in Huntersville, was an Indian scout 1773, fought the British 1781, fought the Indians in Ohio 1761, and rescued their prisoners in Ohio 1764, and a messenger to Gov. Dunmore at Fort Pitt.

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 "LD's" children were Ada 1894-1956, Baltimore (John Johnson, Will Curtain), Donald, Helen, Billie, Clara, Stanley; Violet 1897- (Rufus Markland, Richmond, Vice-President assistant, O & O.), "Rufus"; Ivan 1900-1975, Nitro, attended Wesleyan, a plant foreman, (Genevieve Grudorff, Arbovale), "Ralph, Ramona, Parkersburg, married Tom Shipley, Evan 1940-1975"; Greola 1904-1923; Si of Slatyfork, 1907- , who likes the out-of-doors and is an accomplished painter of wildlife; Paul 1910- , retired personnel director of U.S. Rubber Co. (Vonda Lowe, Katherine Milhollin) Port Neches, Texas, "Thayer 1933, Barbara 1935 married Glenn Smith"; Luther David "Dave" Sharp, Jr. 1916- , Cincinnati, Sylvia E Friel daughter of Dee and Mary Friel, Marlinton), "Linda Dee 1961, married my Eduardo". Dave, a Wesleyan graduate, 1939, operated the Slatyfork store, was watchmaker, and as a Certified Gemologist, American Gem Society, operated a jewelry store in Cincinnati.

" had a most unique lifetime experience--seeing the development of modern conveniences that we take for granted. He saw his first train at age 12, experienced the exciting development of automobiles, airplanes, radios, telephones, TV, electric refrigerators, medical-surgical advancements, packaged food, electric lights, and the atomic bomb. started merchandising, buying fur and farming at age 12 and became a respected businessman in Pocahontas, running a general store, farming, dealing in wool, ginseng, raising the famous white Lynn honey. He was a W. Va. Apiary Inspector, the first master of Slatyfork, 1901, owned a water-powered ~~XXXXXXXX~~ gristmill, had the first home in Pocahontas as the line entered Pocahontas from Randolph on the way to Norton 1898-1899. He owned one of the first three cars in the county, a 1914 Studebaker. He was the first to import and turn loose Chinese pheasants at Slatyfork. He was a member of the Farmers and Merchant's Bank as well as the Pocahontas County Fair. He lost his last deer at 89. He was asked by the American Museum of Natural History to secure a Pocahontas ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ wild turkey nest at hatching time. done May 1906 and the turkeys and nest are still on display. He dearly loved and directed the Slatyfork Methodist choir that was invited to many song festivals in W. Va. and Virginia. He certainly was a credit to Pocahontas County. I was told by Dave Sharp 4171 Paxton Woods Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

Dave Sharp

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 Charles
 Pocahontas
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SARA HANNAH 1847-1908 married Silas Sharp
Compiled by Dave Sharp 12-15-80

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The below lineage is taken from the "Pocahontas County History Book" by William Pierce (1830-1921) --plus family stories included.

1. David Hannah (Sr.) from Ireland, married a Gibson from Augusta County.
Wife: Elizabeth (?) Practiced medicine---?
2. Joseph Hannah married Elizabeth Burnside and settled in "Old Field Fork of Elk, near "Mill Run" (Mill Run, I believe is near Marvin Hannah's place--?)
3. David Hannah married Nester Sicafoose from Crabbottom. (Vir. Ind.?)
They became very religious after their two children died--Joe and Otha of diphtheria. Specially after Otha died, recovered after a vision of heaven, telling who he saw there, etc. (Story described elsewhere from a tape recording by L. D. Sharp, and of Allie Gibson

Their children were:

1. Otha (NOT IN THIS ORDER)
 2. Joe
 3. Henry
 4. Rev. George Hannah.
 5. Mary, the baby mentioned in Otha's story of a vision, and who married ~~Sam~~ Sam Gibson. They had one child named Stella who married a ~~Wife~~ Fisher, father of Rocky Fisher.
Mary died and Sam remarried to (Emma -?) *Daughter of Samuel*
Born to second marriage was Richard, Henry, Ruth and Archie.
 6. Melinda married John Rose in Webster County. (I believe they lived down Elk River, as Dad when buying furs when 12 years old said he stayed at his aunt's house.)
They had a son name Bob Rose. (He visited our home at the old house when I was small) *a daughter Stella, married Herbert Honner.*
4. Sarah Hannah (1847-1906) She married Silas Sharp, who was captured as a civilian by the Confederates who were operating in the Slatyfork--Linwood area one year. They considered him a northerner and he spent 23 months and 24 days in prisons in Richmond and Salisbury, N. C. and was then exchanged just before the war ended.
- Their children were: Melinda who married Ellis Hannah
- (1) Melinda: married Ellis Hannah. their children were Eva (Seale), Vee Hannah, (Pena) Baxter, Russel Hannah.
 - (2) Ella: married Bob Gibson. She, we are told was named Mary Ella after Sarah's sister Mary. ~~KIKK~~ Hannah, or Mary Sharp, sister of Silas. → She died of diphtheria at age of about 6 --?

5. -- (3) Luther David Sharp, Sr. who married *2-16-1893* Laura Jane Morgan, daughter of Rev. Samuel Morgan. They were married in the Adray Methodist Church. (Mother, (Laura), lived in the Adray parsonage.
There children were:

- 6..... Ada (Johnson, Curtain); Violet Markladd, Ivan, Cecolat, Silas, Paul, and Luther D. Sharp, Jr. (Dave)

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DAVID HANNAH

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STREET ADDRESS

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ON CHART NO.

*Sarah Hannah
mother of
H. H. Sharp*

1 Sarah Hannah

BORN 12-15-1844

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WHEN MARRIED

DIED 12-21-1908

WHERE Slattery Fork

NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE

Silas Sharp

3-2-1842-10-24-1899

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*Esther is given as emorying
Hannah Martin's history
- F. H. Sharp's P. 357
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David Hannah

The fifth school was a four-room brick school known as the "Seneca Trail Consolidated School". It had a gymnasium, a kitchen, furnace and running water! Ira Brill of the school board promoted the building of this new school which opened in the fall of 1930. That fall we had a powerful football team of well-grown boys which included the Vandevenders, Beales, Hannahs, Wooddells, Gibbons, and Sharp. But, the team didn't have any uniforms. Hillsboro had been a winning team for years. Marlinton was anxious for some one to beat Hillsboro and sent their uniforms over to the Slatyfork school on the Reynolds Bus Line. The word ~~came~~ got to us that Hillsboro heard about our extra large team. They called by phone canceling our only game scheduled for the year!

After many years it closed, about the 1950's, and the students were then bused to the Marlinton school.

The first principal of the school was Robert Eades. Other teachers were Paul Sharp (also a principal), Lucille Bright, Louise McNeel the present W. Va. Poet Laureate, Florence Foward, Becky Slavens, Ruth Cunningham, Mr. La Rue, Orda Hill, Hugh Moore, Mable McNeel, Mr. Neil Conrad, Wanda Lee Smith, Deacon Shinnaberry, and Josephine Wooddell.

SAM HANNAH

Footnote: For a period, about 1923, L. D. Sharp and Page Hannah were the Trustees. It was their duty to hire the teachers.

Slaty Fork School No. 23

EDRAY DISTRICT

Pocahontas Co., West Virginia

April 29, 1927

Submitted by

Dave Sharp

Dave Sharp, Cincinnati



VIOLET LITTLEFIELD,

RUTH CUNNINGHAM,

Teachers

Pupils

UPPER GRADES

Beatrice Shelton	Eva Hannah
Leola Simmons	Cora Hannah
Dorothy Hannah	Porter Hambrck
John Shelton	Kathleen Carter
Frank Carter	Steward McNeely
Arlie Hannah	Donald Johnson
Luther Sharp, Jr.	Verdin McNeely
Sarah Shelton	Mary Francis Cromer
Earl Carter	Ruth Simmons
	Ruby Mitchell

PRIMARY ROOM

Lexie McNeely	Wanietta Bonner
Hubert Bonner	Richard Carter
Joe Carter	Elbert Cromer
Emma Cromer	Lyle Painter
Louise Painter	Aricita Higgins
John Victor, Jr.	Lughvan Victor
William Victor	Norman Hannah
Julian Shelton	Pearl Simmons
	Helen Johnson

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Slatyfork Schools --Continued Genevieve Sharp

This is the way I remember the teachers at the Slatyfork School (now the church)

1924-1925 Genevieve Sharp
 1925-1926 Pauline Guyer
 1926-1927 Violet Littlefield and Ruth Cunningham
 1927-1928 Pauline Guyer and Gay Hannah
 1928-1929 Stella Conrad Finch MME (my sister) and Gaye Hannah--Kerr
 1929 and 1930 Charlsie (Charlise) Beverage & Gaye Hannah.
 1930-1931 I believe the history book we just received gives Seneca Trail School the year 1930-1931.

I am not real sure when the two rooms came into existence (partition). But I believe Pauline worked on that the first year she was there and it came to pass that first year she taught or the following year.

I looked it up in the history book and they have it dated 1931-1932 when Seneca Trail started. So I am not sure who taught in 1930-1931. Maybe the Seneca Trail School came that year--1930-1931.

Dave: Doc Hannah taught one year at Slatyfork. It may have been 1923-1924.

Dave: An end of school year, April 29, 1927, Violet Littlefield and Ruth Cunningham gave the students a small booklet for the Slatyfork School #23 Edray District and listed the students. So the above years listed must be correct.

Upper Grades

Beatrice Shelton
 Leola Simmons
 Dorothy Hannah
 John Shelton
 Frank Carter
 Arlie Hannah
 Luther Sharp Jr.
 Sarah Shelton
 Earl Carter

Eva Hannah
 Cora Hannah
 Porter Hambrick
 Kathleen Carter
 Steward McNeely
 Donald Johnson
 Verdin McNeely
 Mary Frances Cromer
 Ruth Simmons

Ruby Mitchell

(Teacher Littlefield)

Primary Room

Lexie McNeely
 Hubert Bonner
 Joe Carter
 Emma Cromer
 Louise Pinter
 John Victor, Jr.
 William Victor
 Julian Shelton

Wanietta Bonner
 Richard Carter
 Elbert Cromer
 Lyle Painter
 Arietta Higgins
 Lughvan Victor
 Norman Hannah
 Pearl Simmons
 Helen Johnson

(Teacher Cunningham)

Dorothy (Hannah) Fitzwater said these teachers taught at the (church) school house: Ruth Moore (her first teacher, also Dave's), Charlie Beverav Stella Fench, Genevieve Sharp, Gaye Hannah, Lila Orndorf Ruth Cunningham, (not necessarily in that order) And Arlene Judy taught at the new brick school--probably it's first year of use?

Frank Hannah said the following taught school at the school that burned: George Bright (Frank's first teacher), Dave Baughman, Emma Howard, Lesslie Judy, Sadie Hannah, Mary Hannah, Eva (Hannah) Beale, Allie Gibson, Jessie Hannah.

Naomi Pauline Guyer, teacher 1927-28 May 1, 1928 "Year Book". Pupils: 4th grade: Hubert Bonner, Dick Carter, Mary Sage, "Wanetta" Bonner, Mary Frances Cromer, Ray Sage. 5th: Arlie Hannah, Verdin McNeely, Luther Sharp, Jr., Don Johnson, Mattie Sage, Ruth Simmons, Catherine Wilfong; 6th: Porter Hambrick, Steward McNeely, Chas. Smith; 7th: Kathleen Carter, Dorothy Hannah, Cora Hannah, Leola Simmons; 8th: Reta Curr (Kerr) misspelled, Eva Hannah, Mazie Sage. (Dave apparently age 11 in May, and was 12 on June 8th, 1928 (Apparently a two-room school. Helen Johnson not mentioned so she must have been in about 3rd grade--?) (Edray Sub-district No. 23. Upper Grade Room. Slatyfork)

THE SLATYFORK METHODIST CHURCH

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The first services apparently were held in school ~~houses~~ houses in the 1850s and 1870s. In the 1900s services were in the now-gone school house beside the Slatyfork creek, near the present church. The charter members of the church of the recent 75 to 100 years were L. D. Sharp, Sam Gibson, Sam Hannah, etc. Since about 1920 the present church ~~has~~ held services in the last one-room school house until 1930 when the same school house was turned over to the church, and at which time the school moved into the new brick building. The members remodeled the church, changing the entrance to the new front, putting a steeple on it and dug a basement for a furnace. Charlie Beale, Ivan Sharp, Oscar Kerr, Eugene Hannah, Frank Hannah and others worked weeks digging the basement. Harvey Bright, a carpenter-cabinetmaker (also a watchmaker) was engaged in making all the benches etc. for the church.

L. D. Sharp was superintendent of the Sunday School for many of the years he was a member. Others who were also superintendents were Eugene Hannah, Ivan Sharp, Frank Hannah, etc.

Some of the ministers were Rev. Sam Morgan (1889-1894) (father of L. D. Sharp's wife, Laura.), Rev. Hill, Rev. Powers, Rev. Combs, Rev. Lang., Rev. T. H. Taylor, Rev. Clarence Pearson, Rev. Skaggs., Rev. Crawford, Rev. Mitchim, Rev. Gum and Rev. Ezra Bennet.

In the 1930s and 1940s there were 60 to 70 attending Sunday services. With most of the lumber related jobs gone and many young people moving to the cities, the membership is now small.

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The Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co.

Since 1899 Pocahontas county has had telephone service. The first line came from Beverly in Randolph county, entering Pocahontas county at Mace. A Dr. Bowworth built the line from Beverly to Marlinton, which was finished in August 1899. Later that same year the line was extended up and down the county. About 1910 the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co was established. Each stockholder bought a wall phone and paid about \$5 a year or the equivalent in labor. Some non-stockholders paid rent to use their phones. Chestnut poles were set and a single wire was strung between the poles. Charles McGuire, Sam Gibson, Otis Gibson and Jake Hoover were some of the repairmen or linemen. A magnetic generator was cranked to cause all the bells in all the phones on the line to ring. When the receiver was lifted off the phone hook two dry cell batteries began providing the power to carry the audio over the wire. There was a line from Marlinton which terminated at L. D. Sharp's store with 20 phones in between on the line. If you wanted to talk to some one in Marlinton, or a long distance call, you would crank the phone a "short" and a "long" and "central" would answer and connect you with your party. Many times "central" (the operator) would have to repeat every word both ways for a long distance conversation. A "short" was about one turn of the crank. A "long" was about 3 turns of the crank. Central ignored all other rings which were direct calls to neighbors on the immediate line. Each phone had a different arrangement (code) of "longs" and "shorts". If some one wanted to call, for instance, L. D. Sharp, he would crank two "shorts" and two "longs". Others on the line were supposed to not pick up their receivers when the phone rang for some one else. But usually there was one or more listening to the conversation. That is how they heard the "news". There were many 4-way, or more, conversations. Mr. Sharp said a man came in the store in 1899 and heard him talking on the phone to George P. Moore at Edray and asked him if the wire was hollow to carry the voice! Apparently the phone was an exciting thing and it was used for amusement sometimes. Mr. Sharp said he and a preacher at Edray sang a song together 12 miles apart, Mr. Sharp singing tenor and the preacher soprano. There are many interesting pranks and stories about this 20-party line that is not printed.

Submitted by Dave Sharp and Raymond Mace
Cincinnati Slatyfork

Votes on the Elk telephone system ... by Raymond Price.

(Concurred by Dave Shero)

According to Price's History of Pocahontas County, the first telephone line was completed between Beverly and Marlinton in August, 1877. This was known as the Bonawent line and was the first telephone line in the county. I do not know the name of the promoter and builder, except that he was a member of the prominent Bonawent family living in the Huttonsville-Beverly area.

Apparently the Bonawent line lasted only fifteen or twenty years, and perhaps not that long. Probably during World War I or shortly afterwards another telephone line was constructed. This was, I believe, known as the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Company. It consisted of a single wire strung between chestnut poles. Part of the telephone owners using this line were renters and part were stockholders. During the 1920's Susie Gibson, Frank's aunt, left Elk and moved to Marlinton. We bought her share in the telephone company. My grandfather Sam Rider owned a telephone but he was a renter. It is my impression that the telephone line extended no farther than L. O. Sharp's place. Charlie Beale had a telephone, but anyone who desired to talk to him from Elk had to have his call routed by way of Cass and then to Linwood. Vee Hannah would probably know this.

The old telephone line gradually fell apart, and service was impossible. In the late 1920's, sometime after Rt. 219 was completed, a move was made to re-organize the company and build a new line. There were to be no renters. Anyone wishing to have a telephone had to be part of the company. A family could have a telephone by contributing labor or money. My father contributed labor. The line was a single wire strung between chestnut poles. A lineman or trouble shooter was appointed at the stockholders' meeting. I remember that Jake Hoover was Lineman for a time, and I believe Charles McGuire was also a trouble shooter on occasion at one time.

Jim Baer owned "central" on the exchange at Marlinton. Any call through another system had to be switched by the Marlinton exchange. At one time there were two Elk telephone lines. On the Marlinton side of

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The Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone Co.

Listed below are the "rings" (or codes) of the subscribers that were called "longs" and "shorts". L. D. Sharp's ring was two shorts and two longs. It was first used at the old home place and later transferred to the store building when it was built. Ivan Sharp who lived at the big home used two longs and two shorts.

Central - Telephone Operator

L. D. Sharp	---	Lake Reed	---
Ivan Sharp (Hugh Sharp)	---	Charlie McGuire	---
Gene Hannah Coal Dealer	---	Willie Gibson	---
Seneca Trail School	---	Roy Shearer	---
Wanless (salon)	---	Amos Gay	---
Lea Gibson	---	Helen Nace	---
Lee Hannah	---	Jake Hoover	---
Sam M. Gibson	---	Helen Hannah	---
Sam D. Hannah	---	D	---
Yee Hannah	---		
Clark Hannah	---		
Fred Mullenax	---		

Raymond Nace furnished the following "rings":

Marlinton (Central)	---	Robert Gibson	---
Davis Nace	---	Sam Rider	---
Harry Varner	---	Hugh Hannah	---
Harry Shelton	---	William Hannah	---
Malinda Hannah	---	William Varner	---
J. A. Gibson	---	Doak Gibson	---
James Gibson	---		
Lottie Gibson	---	John Baughman	---
Luther Sharp	---		
Slatyfork	---		

"He must have been on the Elk "Short" line as he lived at Marlinton"



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V. L. Sharp

Elk Mountain there was a line known as the Short Elk Line. A telephone owner on our side of Elk Mountain had to use Central to talk to people on the other side. I believe the short line was used by people in the Edgum part of the county. I am not sure whether the Short Elk Line existed after the new line was built in the late 1920's.

In the late 1930's the Federal Government became more interested in the Elk area, and a sub-camp of the C. C. C. was established across the river from us, on the spot where Floyd Gallford once lived. Then it was decided to rebuild the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone system, with the government furnishing the material and labor. Consequently, a new line was built. New poles were erected and a double line was strung between them. Some years later, perhaps in the 1950's, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company took over telephone communication on Elk.

Telephone rates on the Marlinton and Elk Mutual Telephone service were cheap. If I remember correctly, the yearly telephone dues were four or five dollars. I am fairly sure they never reached ten dollars. Even then, there were some people who had to be sued or threatened before they would pay their telephone bill. Also, it must be added, free calls were discouraged. If a stranger stopped at a man's house to call for help in getting his automobile started, he was supposed to pay for the call. I believe it was a dime. I doubt that most people ever collected. It just would not be neighborly.

Here is a list of calls or "rings" from a paper I found among my mother's things.

Davis Mace	Robert Gibson
Harry Vanner	Sam Rider
Harry Shelton	Hugh Hannah
Melinda Hannah	William Hannah
J. A. Gibson	William Vanner
John Baughman	Doch Gibson
James Gibson	Willie Gibson
Lottie Gibson	Marlinton
Luther Sharp	
Stacy Fork	

If I remember correctly, "Central" ring was changed in later years.

must have been on short Elk line the land at Marlinton.

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I am not sure which period of time is represented by the "rings" I have typed here. It must have been early in the 1920's. Hugh Hannah has been gone from Elk a long time. Perhaps he was part of the Short Elk system. Also, William Hannah has been dead since the 1920's. His name could have been kept on the list of subscribers, however. I am puzzled a bit. Something else puzzles me. Sam Hannah and Sam Gibson were not included in the list. Both families had telephones. Sam Gibson's "ring" was _____. Sam Hannah's number was _____. In the very early 1920's Page Hannah had a telephone, but I don't remember his number.

Sometimes a telephone owner would let his batteries run down. This would prevent him from getting a message to whomever he called. Then some good soul would relay his message. Someone was always listening. At times there were four-way conversations taking place. On occasion a tree would fall on the line, or the line would get on the ground. This always caused problems. A bad telephone would poison the whole system. An incident during the 1930's is worth mentioning. People's telephones all up and down Elk were ringing at intervals, but nobody could be heard talking. For a few hours on a day or so people ran themselves ragged answering their phones, only to find no one there. Lee Hannah told me that he informed Jennie that ~~Sam~~ Gibson was down again and was using the telephone. ~~Sam~~ did get that way once in a dozen years or so, but this time he was innocent. After a thorough search for the trouble, it was located on Lake Reed's - (Jake Gibson's farm) place. It was summer time and a power line which was just barely above the telephone line got warm and expanded, dropping just enough to touch the telephone line when the wind blew or when the line got a bit warmer.

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Here is more information which I copied from The Pocahontas Times,
January 1, 1914.

ably → The directors of the Marlinton and Elkh Mutual Telephone Company met
Saturday. The officers are L. D. Sharp, president; S. Mc Dille, vice-
president and general manager; J. D. Gibson, secretary and treasurer. The
most important business transacted was the cutting out of free phones
after January 1; the extending of the short line wire down Elkh whenever
the extension of the company's business justifies it; the cooperation of the
different mutual companies entering the Marlinton switch'board will be asked
in order to install two phones, one in the C. & O. station and the other in
the freight office".

This would seem to indicate that the old Bosworth line had been replaced
by the Marlinton and Elkh Mutual Telephone line sometime before.

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Our Pocahontas Co. Country Doctors

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Dr. Cameron of Mace was a typical country doctor and he had perhaps the only Stanley Steamer car in the county. About 1934 my brother, Si, asked me if I wanted to go to Dr. Cameron with him for a check-up. Near the end of Si's check-up Dr. Cameron picked up his only and obviously many-time used wooden tongue depressor, and before Si could react, Dr. Cameron used it to examine his throat! Half the stick was very dirty from holding it in his hand. The other end was clean from many previous tongues! Dr. Cameron glanced at me and asked if I wanted him to check my throat. I promptly declined. He showed us some bent glass tubing fitted into bottles etc. and to a source of ~~heat~~ that he invented to use steam to cure T. B. in lungs. He said the steam would kill the germs but he hadn't solved the problem of injury to the patient! Maude Hall of Mingo said he told many unique stories including this one. Dr. Cameron made a house-call and when he found the patient in severe pain he decided to operate to see what was wrong. He opened the abdomen and found the gut separated. He asked for a peeled potatoe and a needle and thread. He slipped the potatoe in the gut to hold it round so he could see around the tear cleanly. With the gut sewed back like new, he slipped the potatoe to one side and crushed it with a squeeze of his hand so it would "pass on through". He said the patient had a good recovery!

Dr. Jim Price was "Mr. Pocahontas County Doctor". He had a typical country doctor's office right in town. After examining a patient he issued whatever pills or liquid medicine needed from one of the hundreds of bottles, jars etc. setting on tables, shelves and the floor. There was a pathway through bottles and jars on the floor from the door to his consultation desk. Vonda Sharp received an "A" on her college assignment when she wrote a loving account of Dr. Jim and his office. During the depression when banks were closing all over the country, it was reported that Dr. Jim, in order that his bank would be strong if there would be a "run on the bank", got a leather bag and rode to Washington, D. C. with some bonds and brought back about \$60,000 of paper money in a bag. The bank emerged from the great depression in great shape.

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Dr. Cofer, the Slatyfork doctor about 1926 gave \$5 to the student who memorized the most Bible verses during the year. The teacher reported to him that Donald Johnson won it and he was given the money the last day of school. Donald carefully hid the \$5 under his bed till the County Fair opened that summer. He took his \$5 with him. His father, L. D. Sharp, asked him about his \$5. Donald said he lost it all on those gambling wheels!! Later, Donald, while riding a bicycle near the company store, ran into the back of the walking Dr. Cofer and blew out a tire, with no injury to Dr. Cofer. Dr. Cofer also removed glass from Donald's face, arms, and legs when Donald put a match in a bottle of gunpowder!

Other doctors at Slatyfork ^{was} Dr. Cox and Dr. ~~Styers~~ Styers who had the first motorcycle in the area. A picture of the motorcycle exists.

Another noted doctor was Dr. ~~Norman~~ Norman Price who ran a foot race with an Englishman from Randolph county to Marlinton, which story is printed elsewhere in this book.

Submitted by Dave Sharp, Cincinnati.

Editor: You may edit, correct spelling, grammar and remove any items you think uninteresting.

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The Great Practical Joke in Reverse !
Slatyfork 1914

Richard

Hugh Sharp, a bachelor, who lived at Slatyfork had Mrs. Shewalter doing the house-keeping and a man named Taylor Ramsey doing some farming on the place. Hugh loved his several hives of bees he kept inside his yard fence. Bee hunting was his sport. With honey in his glass bee-trap he would go into the woods until he found a tree with bees. He seldom cut the tree, but carved his initials on it to indicate that it was his tree. He worked with ^{his} bees without a veil over his face and claimed they never ever stung him. If they did he wouldn't admit it. Every evening after supper he would always take a stroll past his hives to enjoy seeing them work. The two staying there decided to play a practical joke on him so they secured a "patented" snake that looked just like a real snake and placed it at the mouth of one of the hives in a manner that looked like it was eating his bees. This day Hugh took his stroll and he noticed the snake a few hives up the row. He backed up and got a stick and slipped up on it with his stick raised. He suddenly realized it was a fake snake and knew that they were watching him. He did some quick thinking. He proceeded to turn around toward the house without looking up and after a quick "preparation" ^{or} he did a wee-wee on the ground. Well, that turned the practical joke around on them, as he knew they wouldn't tease him about the snake eating his bees ! And they didn't .

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Editor: you may edit the story for Topical History. ~~xxx~~ To shorten it you might leave out about his bee hunting. Correct any grammar. (Hugh Sharp was born in 1846.)

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WM Sharp, The Pioneer

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As a result of the trial, Bradshaw was the only man then living who knew of his brother's participation in the "trial" of Nathan in the court; that is, the only man then living who was for and

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History

By Jennie Board Powell

Traveller's Repose
(Political History)

How We Came To Be In
Pocahontas County

I sometimes think of and compare this remote section of Pocahontas, the Upper Greenbrier, or Traveller's Repose, to an orphan. An orphan child is without natural parents, often has more than a normal number of adoptive parents, is tossed about from pillar to post, and is sometimes allowed by the courts to make its own decision as to where it will go.

We began as part of Orange County, Virginia. When Orange was divided in the fall session of the Virginia Legislature in 1728 it was split into

In 1700 the portion of what of Pendleton was pushed southward a very long distance of four to twelve miles for no apparent reason. In that year also both Bath and Pendleton were enlarged by being made to take in the Upper Greenbrier Valley. Thus, their ward borders were changed from the crest of the main Allegheny to Park Allegheny. This enlargement of Pendleton and Bath by the Upper Greenbrier Valley was by a law which allowed the owners thereof to choose. Mothers of Traveller's Repose went with Pendleton.

In 1821 Pocahontas was being formed as the remote section of Bath and Pendleton became a part of the new county. Bath at the same time was diminished in size to the south by the topping off of Allegheny County. It was intended by the Virginia Legislature that the western county be called Allegheny and the eastern county, Pocahontas. They were accidentally changed by the engraving clerk. They would have been much more appropriate had they been named as intended.

Much later, in 1847, after the Mountain to Parkers-

Remember that we are the

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CIVIL WAR STORIES OF SLATYFORK

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Pocahontas County was on the border between the North and the South and the Beverly-Ningo-Slatyfork-Marlinton-Intersville turnpike seemed to be important to both sides. General Lee's men were camped at Linwood one winter 1861-62 and he was with them part of the time. One evening he tied his horse "Traveler" to a post and with two guards standing outside the door of the still-standing ^{SHARP'S} log house ate supper cooked in cast iron kettles still in the house. Another time, late one afternoon, the Confederates camped across the creek and each soldier took a rail from the meadow fence--stripping every rail--to burn all night. They found apples buried. The captain told them to pay Mrs. William Sharp for them. Uncle Hugh Sharp told us of the two Confederates ambushed on the turnpike on the hill.

The snow was deep and he and his father, William, was getting in wood when several shot were fired. A southern dispatch rider came galloping along with two riderless saddled horses following. He yelled to William that his two buddies had been ambushed and ask them to go see about them. With the snow sled and horse they found one dead and the other wounded. They sledged them to the house and put the dead one in the corn crib and the other one, about 20, was put at the fireplace where ^{he} talked of his parents back in Georgia and died at midnight. The next day they were buried ^{him} near the present cemetery.

L. D. Sharp told us stories he heard of the retreat of the Confederates from Linwood. I their haste a munitions wagon loaded with lead minnie balls broke a wheel in the creek was left. His father, Silas, and Uncle Hugh went up there on trips to bring back lead on their horses. They melted the balls for their own guns in later years.

At the start of the Civil War the issues were not clear so the Sharps and John B. Gibson father of Joe and Sam Gibson decided not to take sides but found out that this was impossible. These men camped out part of the time on Middle Mountain at the "Pine Knob" under a rock cliff. They decided to get together for an Easter breakfast. Mrs. Gibson came down to the Sharps to see her husband. While they were eating Easter breakfast, one of the boys ran in and said the Rebels were coming. Little Luther, age 16, ran up the hill and was shot by Jake Simons. About a dozen shot at John Gibson. Two men ^{whose} guns were empty ran after him. At the top of the hill he pulled out a "dinner box" pistol and said "Gibson, I'll kill you". They skidded into reverse and Gibson escaped. While Gibson was running across the meadow, one soldier reloaded and laid his gun across a wood pile or sill and Mrs. Gibson cracked his head with a piece of wood. Grandfather Silas jumped into a fence-rail goose nest. A soldier jumped over the nest and was reloading.

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gun with a ramrod when Si hit him over the head with a best jack. Si ran around the house and faced Jake Simmons who had just shot Luther. He surrendered. Later in the day while marching Silas along the road they captured Bill Hannah. The other man had a very small hand and when they were handcuffed together for the walk south, he chewed Silas he could get the handcuff off. A few days later when the soldier on horseback taking them south had to stop for a "call of nature" and set his gun against a tree a few feet from where he was "sitting", Silas asked him to take the handcuff off and he'd make a run for the gun, but the other man was afraid. Silas was taken to Richmond and then to Salisbury, N. C. where he spent 23 months and 24 days in prison where thousands starved to death. They ate rats, cat and dogs at times to survive. In the 1920's "LD", son of Silas, stopped in at Salisbury and asked an old man with a long white beard where the prison was. He told "LD" that all the prisoners starved to death--to the last man. "LD" tried to convince the man that his father lived through it, but the old man told him that he couldn't have!

The captain in charge of ^{Richmond's} Libby prison was cruel even to his own men, who finally killed him. He issued an order that any prisoner that stuck his head or arm out the window would have it shot off. The guards under him had a plan. One of the guards would fire a gun outside, which he did. The captain ran and stuck his head out the window and they shot his head off--complying with his order! Si told many times of the rejoicing of the prisoners when the captain was shot.

Silas had two brothers, ^{South} Henry and ^{North} Bernhard, killed in action. "L. D." thought one joined the North and the other the South. It was thought that Henry, killed at the Robert Gibson place had joined the South and was killed on purpose by his own men because he may have been a spy for the North--which he might have been--! They reported that it was an accident, when his men shot him while he was on picket duty at night there on the road.

Uncle Hugh Sharp was a bee-hunter sportsman. He would find a bee-tree and carve his initials on the tree, rarely cutting a tree for the honey. He told the family long after the war that he planned to go "bee hunting" over the mountain and kill Jake Simmons for killing his little brother Luther, but he never made the move.

"L.D." has told us many times that his parent's family really didn't know clearly the issues and didn't know which side to join. That's the reason Silas Sharp, John Gibson and others didn't join either side and camped part of the time under a cliff at the "Pine Knob" ^{not a name} called "Sharp's Knob" just behind the Middle Mountain meadow.

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When Silas returned from sleeping on hard floors in prison he couldn't at first sleep in a bed. He was so skinny after his long walk from the south that Sarah, his future wife, didn't know him when he came by her house. 1878

After the war William brought a civil suit against a Captain Marshal and others, and we understand collected \$500 for illegally taking his son, Si, a civilian, and sending him to prison.

Apparently there were some Southwasympathizers at Mingo as there is a very old and beautiful statue of Robert E. Lee behind an iron fence at Mingo Flats.

I have on file more details of the Hanneke, Gibsons, Sharps and events of the Civil War at Slatyfork.

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The considerable quantity of Confederate stores found in Huntersville were given to the flames because of lack of transportation to carry them away. Major Webster reported capture of 350 barrels of flour, 300 galley beavers amounting to about 150,000 pounds, 20,000 pounds of salt, and large amounts of sugar, coffee, rice, bacon, clothing, etc. The soldiers kept and carried back to their camp a large number of sharp carbines, snipers, horse-

At the time Major Webster's foray was counted one of the most successful raids, for it did more than scatter county militia at Marlins Bottom and rout a small force at Huntersville — the raid threw a tremendous scare into the Confederate command. Pechontas historian Andrew Price said it "made their lines quiver from Huntersville to Winchester, and from Camp Allegheny to Staunton. Scouts rode headlong in every direction carrying out patches. They seemed to have agreed on the strength of the Federal army as being 5,000 men instead of the 738 that it actually was."

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Traveller's Repose
[Political History]

How We Came To Be In
Pocahontas County

I sometimes think of and compare this remote section of Pocahontas, the Upper Greenbrier, or Traveller's Repose, to an orphan. An orphan child is without natural parents, often has more than a normal number of adoptive parents, is tossed about from pillar to post, and is sometimes allowed by the courts to make its own decision as to where it will go.

We began as part of Orange County, Virginia. When Orange was divided in the fall session of the Virginia Legislature in 1738, it was split into Frederick and Augusta. Augusta became that part extending 240 miles along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountain (running North and South) and then West to the Mississippi. Augusta has been called the mother of Counties. Out of Augusta was carved four states, a considerable portion of Virginia, as she now is, and thirty-three counties southeast of the Ohio River, beginning with Botetourt in 1789.

Rockingham was carved from Augusta in 1778. In 1787 the German settlement north of "The Divide," that part of Rockingham west of the Shenandoah mountains, plus slices from Hardy and old Augusta was made the county of Pendleton. Scarcely two years later Bath was stricken off from Augusta and parts of Botetourt and Greenbrier. It took in that section west of the Shenandoah range and as far north as "The Divide," the whole upper James River Basin.

of Bath a varying distance of four to twelve miles for no apparent reason. In that year also both Bath and Pendleton were enlarged by being made to take in the Upper Greenbrier Valley. Thus, their west borders were changed from the crest of the main Alleghany to Back Alleghany. This enlargement of Pendleton and Bath in the Upper Greenbrier Valley was by petition of the settlers there. The orphans were allowed to choose. Settlers of Traveller's Repose went with Pendleton.

In 1821 Pocahontas was being formed so the remote section of Bath and Pendleton became a part of the new county. Bath at the same time was diminished in size to the south by the lopping off of Alleghany County. It was intended by the Virginia Legislature that the western county be called Alleghany and the eastern county, Pocahontas. They were accidentally changed by the engrossing clerk. They would have been much more appropriate had they been named as intended.

Much later, in 1847, after the Staunton to Parkersburg turnpike was built through "the Divide," our neighboring county of Highland was created from the southern part of Pendleton and the northern part of Bath. At last, a meld of the Germans north of "The Divide" and the Scotch-Irish, south of it.

So, it would have been quite possible for a child to have been born to an early settler of Traveller's Repose in Augusta County in 1780, spend his childhood in Augusta, grow to adulthood in Bath, be married in Pendleton, and die in Pocahontas and never leave his own house.

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When Dad became about 19 he went to see the girls, going in a buggy or horseback. Either at a party or a dance (square) Molly Blunker jumped on his lap and embarrassed him by sitting on his lap, so he said. He must have been about 17 when he planned to go up to see some girl living near his married sister Ella. Dad's (LD) mother suspected he was going to see her and sent a note along with him to his sister, telling her to try to prevent it--for some reason. Ella lived about 4 miles up Elk River.

Dad met Laura Morgan, who lived with her parents, Rev. Sam Morgan, at the Edray parsonage. He went by horse or buggy to see her. He had her seen talked out of teaching school to marry him. When Rev. Morgan died, Laura's mother Edith married Mr. ~~Mitchell~~ *Wm. IRVIN*

Dad had seven children: Ada, Violet, Ivan, Groola, Silas, Paul, and Dave, Jr. Ada married John Johnson in Baltimore. Ada studied Elongation and performed in New York City, and knew a famous stage actress and exchanged letters for many years. Violet married Rufus Markland of Richmond, Va. and had one child, Rufus, Jr. Violet and Rufus came to Pocahontas County to get married. Dad had heard his last name but had never seen him before. When he started to introduce him in Marlinton to someone, he had to ask him his name. Dad laughed about that many times. Evan didn't appear to be much interested in girls when he was a teenager, but did go up Elk to see a Hannah girl. Then Ivan went up to Arbovale to a music school one summer and met Genevieve Orndorf. He immediately fell "head over heels" in love with her. He drove up there everytime he could get away. One time he put chains on both front and rear wheels of his Star car in order to get through the deep snow to see her. They had three children, Ralph, Regina and Evan. Regina majored in music, taught school and married Tom Shipley. Ralph married Regina, Evan married Phyllis in Va. He was fatally killed in a hunting accident at about age 34 Nov. 17, 1975

Groola died age 18 with a blood poisoning.

Silas Sharp still lives at the old homestead at Slatyfork.

Paul Sharp married Vonda Lowe of Buckhannon, and they had two children, Thayer and Barbara. After Vonda died, Paul married Katha ~~Mitchell~~ *Mitchell* of Port Neches Texas.

Dave married Sylvia Friel of Marlinton, W. Va. July 11, 1940, and adopted a daughter, Linda, in 1967, and live in Cincinnati, Ohio *LINDA MURRAY BERRY FRIEL, July 24, 1930*

Ada's husband died. Her son Donald and Helen Johnson came to live with Dad and both went to school till on their own at Slatyfork. Ada remarried Wm Cartain and they had 3 children, Clara, Bill and Stanley. *Donald lives in Fortland, Oregon*

When Dad got married, he built his house on to the same house he was born in, both houses sharing the same fireplace. The old house was taken down about 1940 and lumber from it was used to build an apartment on the back of the warehouse of the "new" store on Route #119, for Dave and Sylvia to live in while they ran the store. The old house that Dad built is still standing with the chimney, but the kitchen has decayed. The old apple orchard that must have been there when Dad's father lived there is still standing. Dad did some grafting of apple trees on the farm. Some of the very old apple trees are Pippin, Fallowater, Red Astern, (and later a Richmond.) and Red Ben Davis, a hardy apple, but not much for flavor. A story Dad told many times. His grandmother took the seeds from an apple and planted the seeds. She planted 7 seeds, but only 3 grew. She had 6 ~~children~~ (boys). During the Civil War 3 boys died, and 3 boys lived. *4 girls* *21 girls* *7 children*

It seemed to be an OVEN'D hen

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I understand the original of the Slatyfork Sharps was William Sharp who lived at Huntersville. William Sharp lived at Slatyfork in a house (probably log) at the edge of the meadow next to the big spring of water close by the route 219 bridge that crosses Big Spring creek. Apparently he moved later on a 1/4 mile up the creek to a log house still standing at the large 17-room house never being used.

William had several boys and one girl May (who died of I think diphtheria) Henry lived in a house in a field below the Middle Mountain meadow. Don't know where he was buried. Harmon Sharp lived in a log house at Slatyfork (Laruel Bank) where Big Spring and the river converge. The point on Gauley Mountain is known as A Sharp's Knob, perhaps known named after Harmon. — *W. H. H. H.*

Luther Sharp was a 16 year old boy, who started to run up the path above where the railroad track now is, when JAKE SIMMONS of Bath County, Virginia, of the Confederate army shot him at a great distance, thinking he was of military age. He don't know where he was buried. *Probably an unmarked grave in the Sharp cemetery?*

Another Son was Hugh Sharp, who lived all his life in either the original house near the spring or the one near the large existing house. He lived there at least after his childhood. Hugh, after the war, threatened many times to go bee hunting over in Bath County to kill Jake Simmons for killing his brother, Luther. Uncle Hugh's sport was to take a small glass bee-trap to catch a bee on a flower and by letting the bee feed on honey in the trap and turning it loose to come back, and repeating it many times so he could see which direction the bees went and he could find the bee tree. He had all the bees he needed, so instead of cutting all the bee trees, he'd carve his initials on the tree signifying to others that that was his tree. — mostly sport for him.

Uncle Hugh loved his bees. When he gave Dad (LD) his part of the original farm to keep him in the rest of his life, Dad built the 17 room house with timber sold from the land. Uncle Hugh would not let them remove the bees from around the old house when the new house was being built. The carpenters had to fight bees during the building. One man jumped off the second floor roof when a bee got to him. After the house was finished, ~~and~~ Uncle Hugh lived there, with a hired hand and a cook, Mrs. Showalter that Dad provided for him. Every day at noon after eating, Uncle Hugh would go out and walk around each hive of bees to enjoy the sight. (He always worked with the bees without a bee-vail on, and claimed he never ever got stung.) The hired man, Taylor Ramsay decided to play a trick on him, so he got a patented snake (imitation snake), and put it at the mouth of a hive, appearing to be eating the bees. Mrs. Showalter and the man was looking out the door or window to see the fun and laugh at him when he found out it was a trick. Uncle Hugh made his rounds of the hives, when he saw the snake. He stepped back and got a long stick and slipped up on the snake with the stick raised above his head, when he realized it was a trick. He did some quick thinking to keep them from having the joke on him. He turned around, opened his fly and facing the house we-weed on the ground. They didn't tease him about it!

Jake said
Some of the Sharp boys joined the North and others the South. One of them with the South, was on picket duty not too far from the Slatyfork Area, when he was shot by his own men, who said they made a mistake thinking he was from the other side (at night). Someone said they were suspicious he was working for the other side and they deliberately shot him. And of course he may have been???? *W. H. H. H.*

The only other son I know the name of was Silas, father of L. D. Sharp (Dad). At that time the boys lived in the log house with their father and mother (next to what is now the 17 room house). Some of the boys joined the North and others joined the South. And perhaps on either side. Silas, and a brother or two and perhaps a couple other men under the same circumstances who chose not to join either side, being afraid either side would capture them lived under a cliff of rock at the "Joine knob" just on the other side of Middle Mountain meadow. They stayed there when there was troop movement in the valley, coming in for food when necessary. Silas and a man John H. H. H. (son of Silas's father) was captured by the Confederates. Silas ran down below the house and hid in a goose's nest. A soldier fired his rifle and was standing a few feet away using a ramrod to reload. A soldier fired back and hit him in the head, stunning him, but they captured him. Silas picked up a soldier to catch him. Threw down their guns and chased him up the hill. *John H. H. H.*

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When he got almost up to the top of the hill he was out of breath, and stopped, turned around, pulled out a "Penner Fox" pistol (that Dad said might not kill anyone) and said "Angister, I'll kill you". They turned around and fled, leaving him free. This may have been KAHNY Sam Gibson's father. If so, he wasn't captured. Silas and the other man was handcuffed and a confederate soldier on horse was assigned to walk them south to Salisbury, F. C. to prison. They walked many days. The two men said they were not in the northern army, but the army took them as prisoners any way. One day on the trip south, the soldier on the horse had a "call of nature". He got off his horse set his gun against a tree, unfastened his suspenders. The man with Silas had a very small wrist, and showed Silas once before that he could take his handcuff off that was holding one man's left arm and the others right arm together. Silas begged him to take his handcuff off so he'd be free to grab the gun and free themselves. But the man was afraid not to take it off. So they went on to prison. Dad has told us many times the years and months and days (about 9 years) he was in prison. 2 years, 2 months and 24 days *checking 6 days for being 2 years*

Silas was in the prison in Salisbury for ^{about} ~~two~~ years or more before being transferred to Richmond. While in Salisbury, most of the men died of disease or starved. Silas made (with his knife?) pieces of "jewelry" and had a black woman who came in the camp prison to clean up, to take out and sell for him and bring food to him., which may have saved his life. The men at rats and dogs when they could get any. A captain came through the prison one day. Some men threw a blanket over the dog ~~and~~ that followed him, and killed it. They cooked it to eat. Silas took one bite but couldn't swallow it. He carved his initials or name on the stone walls of the prison. He went to Richmond to stay until he was exchanged later in an exchange with the north of prisoners. He was given a written pass to walk through lines to his home from Richmond. Silas had, ~~3~~ ¹ ~~children~~ ^{married} before his capture to Sarah Hannah who's father lived, I think in a log house next to Page Hannah's house and near Archie Gibson's house. The house was still standing in about 1935. Si Sharp, my brother, thinks the Hannahs lived in a house above the road above Frank Hannah's (Sam Hannah's). There was a house there that a Hannah lived in and they may have lived there first and moved down to the other house after that one may have burned.

When Silas got back home from prison, he went to bed ~~in the bed~~, but tossed and turned and couldn't sleep on the feather bed. He had to get out on the hard floor and sleep like he did in prison! *for a while*

Silas's father, William married ^{RAENHEL} Sarah Dilly from I believe about Campbelltown. ^{Rachael} ~~Rachael~~ was of German descent (maybe from Germany?) and spoke German. Dad picked up a few words from her, but could not carry on a conversation in it. At the St. Louis Fair at about the turn of the century, Dad and Bob Gibson, his brother-in-law, went to the fair by themselves by train. Each country had booths selling their merchandise. Dad went up to a German booth that had German girls selling. Dad only knew one word, meaning "pretty girl". He said it to them, but when they responded in rapid German, he was embarrassed and turned heel and hurried away!

Apparently families had special pliers to pull teeth. Silas (grandfather) asked Dad to pull a tooth (maybe his last?). Dad was all excited, thinking he might fail or break it off. It was a successful pull.

Grandfather, Silas became sick, perhaps suddenly, complaining of his stomach. He died soon. Dad thought it may have been appendicitis, or cancer.

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Grandfather Silas was in prison in Salisbury, N. C. So Dad (ID) on a trip to Florida about 1938 decided to stop in the city to see the prison that his father was in. Dad stopped in town and got out of the cash car and saw a very old man sitting on a bench. Dad went to him and told him that his father had been in prison there and that he wanted to see the prison, and could he tell him where to see it. The man told Dad "your dad didn't live through it. They all died. Everyone of them starved to death. Not a one lived." Dad told him again that his father lived through it, saying "I'm here, so my father must have lived" But he couldn't convince him that his father lived. The old man must have been a boy at the time of the war, or maybe he had been a soldier. Dad didn't see the prison.

During the war, General Lee's army was camped up at Linwood, and had a hospital on a little flat just below the 215 road, about half way up the mountain. Lee came by the Sharp's house about supper time and was invited in to eat. Uncle Hugh told many times of General Lee's white horse Traveler being tied up beside the house. Two guards were stationed outside the door on the porch. The log house, covered with clappard, still stands, with the old stone chimney. Uncle Hugh was there, but was too young, or they ignored him because he didn't belong to Lee's army.

One late afternoon, the Confederate army came there and camped across the creek in the meadow. They set up their tents and needed fire wood to keep warm and cook. Each man went to the rail fence and brought one to build a fire or fires. Every rail was taken. The soldiers found apples that were buried under dirt to keep from freezing. When the captain found out they took the apples, he ordered them to go pay the Sharp's for the apples.

Confederate soldiers camped up at Linwood one winter. It was a hard cold winter and the Sharp's heard that half the soldiers died of disease, but they were buried secretly. No one ever found their graves. Some thought they might have dropped them down some vertical caves in the area.

It seems the Confederates hurriedly retreated from up there when they heard of a Yankee army coming from Hattiesville. They loaded up their wagons and came down Big Spring Creek and then on toward Marlinton. One wagon loaded with lead musket balls broke an axle where the road crossed the creek at Linwood. They just left the lead there. Dad said his father went up there ~~(with a shot or wagon)~~ and brought perhaps a 100 lbs of lead to hold down for his gun for bullets. *on shank* *all story about*

Uncle Hugh told about a Southern soldier being ambushed up along the old road, and wounded. I think another soldier was killed outright. Uncle Hugh and ^{his father} others took a sled up there and hauled him down to the house and made him a bed in front of the fireplace. He was mortally wounded and he knew it. He told the Sharp's about his family in the South before dying that night. I don't know if any messages were sent south, or even if those there could write? I'm sure Sarah (Silas's wife) could write, but

After the war, Uncle Hugh thought it would be interesting to make a cannon and shoot it. He fashioned a cannon out of a hollow pole. He made a round wooden ball. The story as I remember, he fired it and it blew up but the ball went through a wall of one of the houses.

In a letter of Silas to me: "Three of Uncle Hugh's brothers were killed in the war. One was 'Little Lather', age 16 and one was Bernard. I don't know the name of the other one. (Henry) Uncle Hugh and Uncle Herman who lived at Slatyfork--he later moved just out of Elkins. There was one 12 year old girl (Mary) died of Diphtheria. Uncle Hugh had Diphtheria too. Dr. told him to 'smoke a pipe.'" *Eda*

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When Dad (LDS) was a boy of about 7, a black man working on a saw mill or something took a liking to Dad, and with a knife whittled Dad his first and only toy of his life, out of a piece of wood. I think it may have been a figure of a boy.

One summer when Dad was perhaps about 11, he begged his father to let him ride with some wagons from the area going over to Millboro, Va to get supplies. There must have been 3 or 4 wagons and the men. One night after crossing into Virginia, they camped on some high ground overlooking a very small cluster of houses, that blacks lived in, or so they told him. They decided to have some fun. Dad told me, at his expense. They told him that these black girls liked to sleep with a white boy, and that they would come up at night when a person is asleep and go to bed with him. He didn't believe them. So they told him to look at his penis the next morning. That night when he was asleep, they unbuttoned his pants, and rubbed charcoal from the fire on him. He said the next morning when he got up awake the first thing he did was look, and he was as black as he could be! HIS UNCLE HARMON WAS ON THE TRIP

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was one
of them

When Dad was about 15, I'd guess, he and his father went on two horses up to Linwood where there was a store. It was apparently an all day job--go there buy some supplies and loaf a while before coming back home. They had some cider, which Dad said was boiled two barrels into one, and it had a kick to it that he didn't know it had. He drank a few drinks and then he and 3 or 4 boys there went down to the nearby creek in a patch of elderberry bushes where they were playing. One was whittling with a knife and accidentally cut one of the boys just a little. Dad said it seemed funny to him because he was drunk (and maybe didn't know it), but he was so lightheaded he could hardly get back in the store. His dad was ready to leave ^{FOR} home, and said to Dad "would you like to have a glass of cider before we go home?" Dad said he didn't think he did, knowing he was already drunk. He didn't think he was ever going to get on that horse without his dad finding out he was drunk. He made it home ok. He said that was his first and last time getting drunk. All his life he never drank any beer or whiskey. He did smoke when he was about 20 but quit after perhaps 2 or 3 years.

Dad was both a farmer and a merchant. He ran a store on the old road "over the hill" near the old house, which he built perhaps about 1900, along with farming. The product sold from the farm was wool, sheep, and cows.

Dad's store was about the only one in the area. Later on the W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. had a store for their employees at Slatyfork. He bought furs, chickens and wool from farmers and shipped to Baltimore etc. He would buy up turkeys from farmers, pack them in barrels and haul them to Marlinton in wagons and put on a train to go to Baltimore where food brokers sold them. Usually he made out ok. That's a long way for turkeys to go unrefrigerated! One batch he sent, maybe his last, the broker sent him a small check saying he couldn't take the turkeys all over town trying to sell them. He sold a few, but most of them stunk so bad no body would buy them! ha.

Farmers would kill pheasants (grouse) and he would pack them in small barrels and sent to Baltimore. Another thing he bought all his life was ginseng. Dad was, I believe, the first to have a telephone. He was also the first around there to have a car, after telephone had been in.

One time some one up at the head of Elk rang a distress signal and everyone picked up their phones to see what it was about. Someone announced that a horse and buggy had run off and was headed down toward Slatyfork. People all along the road went out to the road to stop the horse and buggy only to find that it was one of those new fangled horseless carriages. Jerk!

When a few cars got in the area, Dad ordered gasoline in barrels. They were hauled from Marlinton, and a hand pump was placed down in the hole after the cap was unscrewed. He later had, I believe a small tank put in with a hand pump to pump it into a car. I don't remember how the amount was measured.

Dad got a Studebaker sometime about 1914 or 15. Maybe before that? In the 1920's he or Ivan broke the axle heading in the rear end on near Ella Gibbons in a mud hole. Ivan made a wooden sled and took a team of horses up there, fit the sled under that one side, and pulled the car back home. He ordered a new housing. It cost what dad thought was too much -- perhaps \$150 when the car may have only cost \$800--??

When he bought the car, he sent Ivan to Marlinton for I think a couple days to learn how to start, run, and do minor repairs to the Studebaker. In the winter time, the car was jacked up off the tires.

About 1928 (?) the new highway came through, bypassing the store location on the old road. So Dad had a man A. W. in Marlinton to build a new store building where it is still in existence. Four new hand operated gasoline pumps with 10 gallon glass tanks at the top were installed. Dad had Standard Oil at two pumps, and Ivan had two pumps of Amoco. It was big move moving furniture etc over to the new place by wagon. Dad borrowed money from the Farmers & Merchants Bank to build the store. He also borrowed about \$300 from his friend Sam Gibson. It was a struggle during the depression to not go broke, but finally after keeping some of us in school and college, he finished up the debt with some sale of timber. Ivan sold auto supplies in one corner of the store. The store had 32 volt lights, ran from a Delco generator. The house already had 30 volt electricity. Then about 1940 or 1941 (?) Westfenn came through with 110 volts. Tourists began coming through so gasoline sales was reasonably good. Dad decided some "Tourists Camps" should be built, so old Camp 18 that the W. Va. Pulp & Paper Co. left when they were finished, was torn down and used to make the camps. They perhaps more than paid their way. Then it seemed better to rent them out to people working for the company. Henry Gibson lived in one, Oscar Kerr in another. Others were...

The only one in existence now in the one Henry Shaver lived in, and his wife Lorraine still lives there.

(1779)
 William Sharp's Records

(Page 178)

From the William Sharp's Bible Record.
 Published by Hannah Shipley, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Copied from record pages between the New and Old Testaments.
 Xerox copied into. --copied from: All Bible given to Rachael
 Dilley by her father Martin Dilley on her Wedding Day.

Martin Dilley born Dec 27, 1779. Died 12-26-1851, age 71, 11 mo, 29 da;
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Rachael Dilley born October 1815

William Sharp and Rachael Dilley married Sept 20 1839
 (another date also entered at another place, but the ink is
 smeared and the year looks like 1832, which must be incorrect
 as the children's births started a ~~XXXX~~ year after 1838).

William Sharp's children:

1. Martin B. (Bernards) Sharp born June 14, 1839
2. Jacob Henry (Henry) Sharp born Aug 17, 1840
3. Silas Sharp born Marc. 2, 1842
4. William Luther Sharp born Dec 17, 1843
 (The family know him as Luther in his youth--perhaps to
 distinguish between him and his father, William.
 So he was the 4th William Sharp in line.) William IV.
5. Hugh Calvin Sharp born ~~XXXXX~~ 7-10-1846
6. Mary Eleanor Sharp born Feb 11, 1849
 (She died with diphtheria during the Civil War--or before the
 war. Family tradition is she was about 12 years old. She was
 buried to the left of the road on the rise just below the
 Sharp's Slatyfork store)
7. Harmon B. Sharp born 10-2-1850
 (He moved to near Elkins, died there and buried near there.)
 (Died with cancer --of throat (?))

Luther Sharp above: Family tradition has been that Luther was about
 age 16 when he was shot. Date of birth and the dates of the first
 year or two of the Civil War indicate that he may have been perhaps
 about age 17.

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Davis Sharp
 (7-14-82)

Pages read from small Bible given to Rachel Dickey by her former mother-in-law, on her wedding day.

It is made the
12th of September
1838
Turned out was
the day the
year 1839

1st Book of Kings
1st of Kings
1st of Kings

John's ship was
of March 2nd
1842
John's ship
was there the 14
of August 1843

John's ship was
of March 2nd
1842
John's ship
was there the 14
of August 1843

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March 2nd
was gone after
the 4th 1815

1st Book of Kings

John Sharp &
Richard was
married the
20 of Sept
1832

John Sharp &
Richard was
married the
20 of Sept
1832

John Sharp &
Richard was
married the
20 of Sept
1832

Remember that this
the company to guide
your little paper
to the part of eternal
life

2nd

Silas was
born the 2 of
March 1842

John's ship was
of March 2nd
1842

John's ship was
of March 2nd
1842

3rd

John's ship was
of March 2nd
1842

John's ship was
of March 2nd
1842

John's ship was
of March 2nd
1842

From Bill of William C. Morgan

From Bill of William C. Morgan 180

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Samuel G. Morgan was
born July 8th 1847.

Edith H. Morgan was
born Dec 20th 1855.

Laura J. Morgan was
born March 31st 1874.

William G. Morgan was
born March 15th 1876.

Sarah V. Morgan was
born Feb 15 1878.

Edgar R. Morgan was
born April 18th 1882.

Lena Florence Morgan
was born Dec 17th 1896

Edith Morgan
 was born August 13th 1898
 Georgia Virginia Morgan
 was born Sept 2 1906
 Laura Rachel Morgan
 was born Feb 14th 1903
 Samuel Aaron Morgan
 was Born April 23 1905

Samuel Aaron Morgan
 was Born Jan 12 1908

Jan 12, 1908

MARRIAGES

Samuel G. Morgan
 and Edith H. Karsy
 was married Dec 20 1892

Laura G. Morgan & Luther A. Stark
 was married February 16th 1893

William C. Morgan and
 Edith H. Karsy

was married March 18 1892

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Old Mill, Civil War stories, etc. (If done over on Ampex, may be clearer)

Dad: Sheep dip killed 5 sheep. Dave, I'll give you a jar of syrup to take back with you--and a sugar cake. ... Im sending 6 to Pauls. Thayer gave to sweetheart and Barbara treated her teacher. ... 152 quarts of syrup....

.... they'd go through and rob neighbors. (Civil war through Slatyfork) ... they starved them to death. My father was in prison 23 months and 24 days. They starved them to death and hauled them out of the prison by the wagon loads. Going to Fla I stopped in Salisbury, N. C. and there was an old grey headed man. I told him my father was a prisoner there. He said "they all died, either starved or poisoned. Father said the meat was covered with worms. They made broths. He shut his eyes and swallowed it.. The dead were buried in trenches. A dog followed a captain through the prison. The man threw a blanket over it and killed it and ate. My grandfather (William) skinned a cat. Father couldn't eat the cat. He had exchange papers and started home. got him exchanged for rebels. He said "where are you going?" At a small gathering of southerners, they said: If we gain the war we won't let you live with us" He said: I'll give you to understand I won't live with you. They started after him and he ran. He was too weak to run. They didn't follow him further. He walked all the way home to Slatyfork. If old man Bill Hannah had done one thing. Two men left over them in charge of the two. They got off their horses to a call of nature. "My father reached over and took one of the man's guns and pointed to Bill Hannah to take the other man's gun. He couldn't get him to take the gun. They never thought of killing those fellows (rebels) but we could have killed them and had nothing to worry about--he said. They could have gotten away. (Dad told us one time, as I recall, that Bill had a very small wrist and could get the hand cuff off his wrist that held the two together. Bill showed Silas once that he could take it off. And that Silas wanted Bill to take the hand cuff off so they could grab the guns to threaten so they could get away. Dad may have been mistaken for a moment about the putting their hands on the guns---??? -Dave) Jake Simmons killed Luther. The Confederate army went through past the house. Jake was behind and shot Luther going up the hill. That's the same time they captured my father. My grandmother said "look there's a regiment of soldiers and he ran down and jumped over a fence and sat down in a goose nest covered with boards. About a 100 of them shot at John Gibson (Uncle Sam's father) and this fellow who had a muzzle loading gun shot at John. and he set his gun down almost between my father's legs, to load it. He waited, till he poured the powder in and went to get the bullet in and he said he knocked the man and gun over and jumped back over the fence and ran back into the same old Jake Simmons that killed his brother, Luther age 16. Jake put a gun on him. He looked for a rock to throw at Jake but couldn't find one. The men emptied their guns at John Gibson. Two threw their guns down and ran to the top of graveyard hill and was about to catch John, ~~as~~ a powerful man--Sam Gibson's father. He had a pepper box pistol that I reckon wouldn't kill you. and they ran back down the hill and he got away, ha, ha. He pulled the pistol out and said "dangster, I'll kill you". There was ~~times~~ twice he (John) almost got captured. He went home and later on, a bunch of rebel soldiers went in there to John Gibson's place and his wife said to him "look out there the rebel soldiers are coming down here to the house" He broke to run and ran over the hill and the soldiers fired at him and missed again and one rebel laid his gun across a post and got a rest and would have killed him but his wife took a boot-jack and knocked him crazy, and he got away. Later on during the war ~~he~~ he took pneumonia and died. With all the getting by in the war, ~~and~~ pneumonia got him after all.

(Story about the two soldiers killed in ambush up on the old road:)
Dad: They brought the soldier (that was still living) in and he died at the house (the same log house still standing) There are two of them buried up at the top of the hill at the school house. Just dug a hole.

They were riding along the road and the rebels (I think Dad's memory got it mixed--they were Yankees that shot them) waylaid them and shot two off horses. They were one or two that got away. Maybe one of them was Walt Allen. (Walt Allen was a Yankee from over about Randolph county, I think--Dave) Uncle Hugh (a young man) thought so much about one of the men that was shot and lived a while. If they had had doctors like today, he may have ~~have~~ been saved. (Another account of this story is elsewhere in this history of the Sharps--Hugh and his father William was cutting wood and heard the shots and a southerner on a horse running told them to go look after the men shot. They took a sled up and got them. They put the dead one in the corner and took the other in by the fire.)

I don't know where the graves were, but one time I was plowing there in the school house lot and a horse's foot fall down through the grave. I hated it awful bad.

Dad: Henry Sharp, an uncle, joined the rebel army, or be taken prisoner. So he joined the rebel army. One joined the yankees and one the rebels.

Dave: Was the Henry Sharp meadow named after him? Dad: No, that was another Henry Sharp. Henry (uncle) was killed. A picket shot him (at Bob Gison place) They were suspicious that he was a yankee, it was thought. But he was in the rebel army and was on picket duty and a fellow shot him and let on like they shot him by mistake. The other one was in the Yankee army and was killed. I lost three uncles and the only girl 12 years old of diptheria and she is buried down there on the left side of the road --about top of the hill. Uncle Hugh knew where it was. I said there ought to be a monument. He said: "it's been so long ago it isn't necessary" It's there i side the fence near the road (near the sheep barn.) That's what the war cost my family. The war spread diptheria. One of her boys, Henry Sharp when he was killed had an apple in his pocket and she planted the 7 seeds of the apple (grandmother Sharp) out here (near the beehouse) and only three of the 7 threw. She gave Uncle Harmon Sharp one and it was planted down there at the McCitchin Place and gave Silas one and it was right below the old house over there (old home place) and Uncle Hughs was out here in this garden, and they all had the same kind of fall apple. --a good cooking apple. But she thought that represented that when the war was over she'd only have 3 children left. Four of them died. We cut the one down over the hill because it was where we wanted to build the warerrom, I think. It was 40 years old, I reckon. The one here an Uncle Hugh's was near the warerrom.

Tramp Dad: I saw that tramp going by today at the schoolhouse. He was swinging his arm as hard as he could swing it, and the other arm was like a dead arm. I hadn't seen him for 10 years. --a little short fellow. (Dave: We'd seen him got by about every year for years--walking fast.)

Uncle Hugh's story about a greased Indian:

Dad: a Joe Lager or something like that wanted to go back in the woods to where he'd hear no sound of a gun but his own, and ran on to these two Indians. I can't tell the story as it was. The Indians gave a squall and made for him and he may have shot and missed and they were on him and he threw one on the ground and was getting his knife out to kill the Indian and the other Indian got his knife out of a scabbard. He had to kill him to save himself and the other Indian almost got advantage of him by getting his knife out of the scabbard. I forgot the details but I think the other Indian got away. It was one of the most stirring stories you about ever heard to hear Uncle Hugh tell it.

Uncle Hugh's pet deer: Dad: Uncle Hugh had a pet deer. Aunt Ella and I. It'd fight or run us everytime we came here to visit. We were going home across the hill and looked coming off the hill coming as hard as it would right after us, like a dog running a deer.

INDIAN Fight

pet deer

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could right after us, like a dog running a deer. We ran to the woods and got up on a leaning tree up higher than the deer could reach. A deer strikes with both front feet just like a man and cut you all to pieces with it's toes. We had hollered for Martha Hannah who lived here then and she ran up there and got the deer by the bell collar and held her till we got over home (Dave: seems Dad said her name was Nell?) That doe knocked Nora Sharp down. Uncle Harmon's girl and would have beat her to death if didn't.....(not clear) (Dave: I think Nora married George L. Hannah--and she is buried in the Sharp cemetery) at talking about fishing..... up slatyfork creek.
Dave: Dad, isn't that where you built a dam and ran water around the hole?
Dad: yes, we got 53 fish out of it. Water was getting low, cavity in a rock holding about a barrel of two wof water, and ran a small stream--a inch pipe size. I stood there and studied it a good little while how to get those fish. A big lynn tree standing on the bank. I decided to go home and get my father to come and help pipe the water over the hole. We cut that tree down and stripped the bark off and the bark piped the water over past the hole of water, a distance of about 20 feet and we dipped the water out and got 53 fish to eat. No restrictions on fishing then.

Deer hunting --- Deer salt licks

Dad: Farmers killed deer at suck licks. Natural sulphur run out in certain places. Deer tear up the earth to get it. Then farmers made salt licks. Drive a stake in the ground and pour the hole full of salt. They couldn't get it all without digging down for it. It was either mornings or evenings that they came to suck the licks. Dave: did you kill any at a salt lick? Dad: Yes, I did, in Gauley. One time over there a wild cat was at the lick. I sighted at it so long I was sighting on just the front sight. I was about to leave that day. The Englishman.... I thought I just sit there (Dave: He told the store another time:--he shot at the wildcat and it didn't know where Dad was and jumped into the treetop where dad was and scarred Dad almost to death--just a boy).Saw the deer coming. ... I just broke it's back. I came a knat's head of missing that deer. Lots of deer then. About like killing ground hogs now.

Bill Curtain War in Italy (not clear at all)... One thing, the let the Americans go in there, you see, read about the lost patalion. Carl Barnes was commander of that unit. Those rangers..... Crossed the highway and got in the heart of Rome.

Dave: The old Mill house needs a piece of roofing on it.
Dad: Well, Ive been trying to sell it. It's going to fall down. I offered to sell for \$50. When I sold it, the man came with a truck to get it and those old Kealey's (they lived in the mill house across the creek) took the box that goes around the meal in. It'd cost \$25 to make it and they took it and burned it. They once rolled it out in the yard and Henry Shaver and I liked to not get it back in. They took it and burned it for firewood. I went there to sell it and there wasn't a thing in the world to hold the meal in so he wouldn't take it. ... Brice Griffin ground meal for a half a day. Took half a day to grind a grist. Sam Jackson said he could eat it as fast as it comes out of the mill. Someone asked how long he could do that. He answered: "I could do it till I starved to death" ; ha, ha.

might be clearer if redone on the Ampex reel to reel tape machine.

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Dad: Voices of Dad, Otis Gibson, Si, Dave Ralph
 Dad: something about the bee association (184)
 Si: (to Ralph)(hunting) Did you go clear to teh Bob Gibson Place
 (all looking at an aerial view map) --are those skid roads?
 Si: This is Slatyfork and he was supposed to go up this buck hollow that
 runs up to Joe Gibson place. He was supposed to go up here and come around
 thru here, thru a bunch of pines yonder on the point. Well eh got up there
 and cut over and looked down to Sam Hannah's from Bob Gibson's meadow.
 Then you came back ~~from Hannah's meadow~~ thru there, huh?
 Ralph: yes. Dad: Right here's where I was scared about out of my boots.
 I thought he ~~washad~~ heart trouble. I couldn't holler him up and couldn't
 shoot him up and couldn't hear a word from him in the world. I worried
 and prayed and here he came up alive. Dave: You (dad) and Donald and I
 got lost up there coon hunting one night. Dad: Yes, we came down the
 roughest old hollow there ever was.--back of Page Hannah's line.
 The roughest place you ever saw after night wasn't it. He didn't know
 where we were and lost part of the gun. Came down to Page's apple orchard.
 Si later made a part for the gun--forestock. And John Woosley lost
 it again. He went down there watching for stealing corn where shucking
 corn (lower meadow). ~~He was~~ was. When he started filling up
 a sack of corn, ye yelled to surrender and ran out and broke a rail at
 the fence and ran down over the bank and laid down., and Woosley lost part
 of the gun and he had to come back (home) because he was afraid ~~he~~ had
 something to shoot him with, ha. Woosley lost part of the 410 gun and
 couldn't shoot. Later on I told ~~her~~ about it. --caught ~~he~~ down
 there stealing corn. He smashed the fence flat. I said there was another
 fellow with him--old man ~~was~~....his hogs. They worked on the track
 together. She didn't say a word. She knew it was true. We'd seen where
 he'd taken out loads of it before.
 Dave: Didn't your dad catch someone stealing hay? Dad: No, it was Uncle
 Henry Hannah caught Hannah stealing hay (on barn on Buzzard mt.)
 (made him pitch the hay back in the barn--Henry slept there to catch him)
 Dad: Grandfather Sharp caught a man fight out there in the corner. He
 set a fox trap through where they take corn out of the crib. He came to
 get corn and got caught. He went to the barn a cople times. He wouldn't
 holler at Grandfather. Finally he hollered: "Mr. Sharp, come out here. I
 tell you if you'll let me out of here, I'll never steal another thing
 as long as I live. Grand father promised him he wouldn't tell on him.
 Dave: did he know who it was? Dad, oh yes, one of his neighbors, but
 he ousn't tell us who it was. He promised he wouldn't tell. He let him
 out of the trap. I bet he had sore fingers, ha. Grand father was a man
 of his word. Dave: Do you remember him? Oh, yes, I was nearly grown
 when both of my granfathers died. Grandfather Hannah and grandfather Sharp
 and my grandmothers. Did you see yours? Dave: only grandmother Irvin.
 Dad: Not preacher ~~or an~~? Dave: no. Dad: Boy's I'd give \$5 to (have you
 hear him preach?) He was one great preacher. He was the best preacher that
 ever preached on this charge and they sent him back here by the Dist. Supt.
 to the quarterly meeting one time when he was on the Lobelia circuit to
 preach and I never did forget his text. It was at Mary's Chapel. His text
 was the "Great Store house of God" He said the time would come as the
 human race needed the wealth, there was untold wealth in these hills and
 in the lands, and as the generations of the earth needed it it'd be
 unfolded (End of 1st side of cassette)
 Ralph and Dad talkin': deer hunting. Si: In Montana, a man killed a
 mule and brought it in to the checking station: ha, ha. Dave: what did
 your father have to tell time? Dad: He had an 8-day clock. I don't know
 who got it. Maybe Ella or Salinda got it. It struck on every hour of the
 day. I think I took another clock over to repair at Wooddells and it was
 never fixed. He died and they closed th store. It may have been sold.
 Either the original reel tape is not clear, or perhaps it would be
 clearer on ~~my~~ the last Ampex player--to transfer to cassettes.

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Ralph) 185

(LD, Ada, Ivan, Si, Dave, Sylvia, Will Curtain & Evan).

Starts with Dad and Ivan singing songs. I've got the tuning fork there. Dad: we can't all sing with one book. I've got the tuning fork. "Do, me, do" I'm trying to get the sound. I can't see anything. Ivan: Wait, I've got something on my glasses. I can't see anything. Ivan: I don't what part are you going to sing? Dad: I'll sing tenor. Ivan: I don't know if I can sing soprano, or not. Dad: well, do you want me to sing soprano? Ivan: I usually sing base. Dad: here, somebody clean my glasses. Si: (talking about the tape recorder) said: everyone brags about their singing. Now they'll know if they are telling the truth, ha, ha. Ivan: (wire recorder?) wire plays 15 minutes. (Ivan had a wire recorder) Dave: let's have some powerful singing. Dad and Ivan: me, so, do, me, do, me. (no piano) "There's a glory in my soul, Then Jesus gets control. He lives with in my heart. Oh happy song Si (joking) tape for identification. Have you used Mother Hubbard's little leg goes, ha. (pretending an ad after the song) Dave: You just heard LD, Ivan and Ralph Sharp. (Then with piano): several singing a song..... "redeemed..... Dad: the title of this song is "Beautiful home Somewhere". Looking at Pictures: Dave: look at the bees. Dad: those are Ivan's. Sylvia: Dave hived those bees. Dave: Let's laugh a little bit, Ada. (Ada and Genevieve laughing.) Dave: Ada, who's that in the middle? Do you know? Ada: ha, ha, yes. (About Ivan--discussion): Dave: ... Mary Roberts? Si; no, it was Genevieve at Greenbank. Si: Ivan And I we got up there to that old ... He (Ivan) said if you'll get out close to the gate, well..... see THEM GIRLS. If you don't we won't, ha, ha. I wouldn't get out to open the gate and he turned around and came back home, ha, ha. Evan: dann you! Genevieve: Evan I beg your pardon.... your saying. Dave: say nice words, Evan, ha (all laughed) Dave: I never saw that broken leg (Evan's) Genevieve: I had to keep him in bed for 3 weeks. He couldn't even turn over. At 3 o'clock in the morning he'd get awake and I'd have to read him a story. Dave: Ada, I understand you used to speak over a radio WPBI in Baltimore. Tell us what it was about. Was it for a beer co.? Ada: No, no, ha, ha. Ada: I was on for 15 minutes. It was dramatic sketches. different things each week and on for 8 weeks. Some interesting things did happen. The announcer said "I don't think I can go on the air. I didn't know what to do. There was no one else to take over. So I was trying to go on with the program and think up what to say in case he did collapse there, ha. But he went on through with it. Dave: You may have been an announcer if he'd collapsed. Did you have an audience? Ada: just a small one. In those days they sat in another room at that time.--the control room. Dave: what were the stories about: Ada: or, different things, Let me see. One I gave about Pappa and the boy. I don't know if I'll remember it. Perhaps Evan would like that. Ada: "But it's not so agreeable about 2 o'clock in the morning when you're dead for sleep and you wouldn't give anything to hear pres. Truman speak. Well, this little boy woke up about 2 and said "Hey, Daddy. What? Did. What do you want? Nothing. Then go to sleep. I ain't sleep Daddy. Well, I am young man. I'm not abit. Daddy if you was rich what would you buy me? I do t know. go to sleep. Wouldn't you buy me nothing? I suppose so. Then what would you buy me? Maybe a steam engine. would the wheels go round and round? Yes, yes, go to sleep. Daddy, if I was rich I'd buy sou something. Would you? I'd buy you some choc. drops and ice cream. No one wants to hear it this time in the morning. Go to sleep. Daddy, daddy, Well? what do you want now? Let me think-- I want a drink of water. No you do't. Yes I do, daddy. (thinking.. there'll be no peace until the boy gets a drink you get water) I do 't want to hear another word from you tonight, young man. I can spell" dog, daddy. No one wants to hear you spell it now. Yes, please.

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G-A-T--dog. Is that right daddy. No it isn't, but nobody cares. Then it's D-O-G? Yes, yes, now go to sleep. Then I'll be a good little boy, won't I? Yes, you'll be the best boy on earth. Good nite, daddy. Good night. -----Daddy, daddy -----don't you wish you had 2, 3 5 or 300 little boys?

Ada: I haven't done that one for years and years. (relatives laugh). Si: I'm going to bed. You'd better too.

Si: (pretending to be a political candidate) "on this auspicious occasion, it is very gratifying to see your ignorant faces. (Si changing his voice, ha) I'll give you a dollar a vote for your vote" Dad: that's what they were trying to do. Dave: what are your planning to do this week? Ivan: well, I plan on making a little hay, taking off some honey, kill a few ground squirrels, whistle pigs and kill a little time. And visit a little with my relatives and friends, and then figuring on going back to work. Save a little of my vacation for deer season. I do like to hunt deer. I haven't had very much success as far as bringing in some game. A lot of exercise and enjoyment--just running through the woods totting a gun. Dave: what you doing ther e, Dad? Bleeping? Dad: finishing up a good nap. I didn't go to sleep last night till half past 1 o'clock, waiting for you to come in and you didn't get in. But made up for it this evening. Dave: Did you know we were coming in yesterday or today? Dad: I heard you were coming in to Ivan's last night. Said you phoned through and said where the key was at (to get in the house at Nitro.)..... I'd a Dave: I told him to leave it under a cup on the back porch and he didn't like that idea much. Ivan: we were on a party line and I didn't want all the neighbors know where I was hiding the key. So I told him I'd leave it with his old girl friend across the street, Hattie Howell. (She went to Wesleyan same time as Dave) Dad: did you find anything to eat? Dave: they just about ate it about all up. wasn't much left there. (kidding) We went to the cellar and opened up peaches and pears and plums and apples (kidding) and we really had a feast. This is Aug. 21, 1949.(all eating at table). Ada: did you have a lot of raspberries this year? Dad: a few. Had 40 gallons one year..... (End of first side of cassette)

(Eating at table. all talking, not clear)

Genevieve: One of our cousins up home (Arborvale) had Arbogast's boy, come along in a car and we were out there making hay. Stella said "Ed you don't have any children yet?" He said "Well, we're still trying" ha, Ada: If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Dad: Is that thing recording everything we say? Dad: do you want any berries? If you do go in there and help yourself. I'm going to shave. I've got to go to that funeral..... Dave: did you see Melinda out there a while ago? Ada: yes, yesterday, not t today. Dave: she can't hear well... (flame swallow) Dad: gas in his mouth. Did you see that Ralph? He set that on fire and it went down his throat, then spit came out..... Si: ~~alcohol~~ alcohol flame.....and when they stick that in their mouth they generally let out a mouth of air to keep the heat going away, you see. Dad: As it came out his throat he lit a cigarette. (Dave started to put a lighted match in his mouth) Dad: Oh, don't do that. Dave: I saw Bill Viering (at Wesleyan) chew up a razor blade and supposedly swallow it, but probably put in a side cheek. Si: he looked like he was drunk, this fellow. He was asked if he'd give him a push to get the car started. He said, yes he'd push him. She backed off about 20 feet and came a sailing and smashed into the back of that thing and smashed the bumpers right off and flattened the fenders, and nearly broke that fellows neck. ha, ha, ha.

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Si: (talking about a boy who lit seat of his pants and a gas flame shot out and breaches on fire--use wool pants instead of cotton. Ha, ha.

Si: talking about danger, that's dangerous!

Si: I wonder who reported the deer lick, salt lick back of the water fountain? (The game warden said there was one reported there. He was up there at 2 o'clock watching for them. Dad: Now if one comes there, they'll kill it. Si found the head of one where they dressed one up and left the head down in the hollow. A nice buck.

Will Curtain: Wasn't it old man Sam Gibson.... he could tell you right smart about deer. He was sick in bed and we went up there one time.

Ivan: (or Si?): Yes, I used to like to go up there and listen to the bear stories. He'd sit there and smoke his pipe and tell the stories.

Indian Fight: (maybe later get a better or clearer version from the original reel tape instead of this cassette.) Dad: The Indian, had his hide so greased he couldn't hold him. Uncle Hugh would tell that....

Si, how was it? He shot at the Indian and he had a muzzle loader and before he could get another shot, the Indian,--there were two of them ... (one?) Indian going away. and he said he got him down and his hide was so slick with grease he couldn't hold him and he said he

(Indian?) was reaching down to get a knife out of his scabbard, the Indian was.... I can't tell you all the story but he finally killed the Indian. The one he shot first was..... he noticed him just as he

got through with the other one, he propped himself up and he was ready to shoot him (white man)..(//) Uncle Hugh used to tell that. It was interesting to hear him. It'd take him about 1/2 hour to tell that story about Joe Logst (or Lousst?)

Dave: wasn't it Uncle Hugh as a boy that was chased into a log by a bear?

Dad: That was Uncle Harmon. a long time ago, no, it was Uncle Hugh, by the way. Uncle Harmon told him a doe on the mountain had some young fawns in a brush thicket. That he heard them in there. He told Uncle Hugh to go up there and he could catch them. He'd been told that if you go in screaming and yelling and squalling that a fawn will lay right down and you can run right in and pick them up. And he dreamed he had a cane, a complete cane, with a knot on the end turned you know. The night before he dreamed something about being in a fight with a bear. So he went up the hill here. He saw a cane, and out it, just carried out just like in his dream. So he went up to where Uncle Harmon said he saw that doe that had the fawns in there. He got up there in brush, you know and he went jumping over top the brush and hollering and when he got in there, there was an old she bear that reared right up in his face, that had cubs in there. He went backwards and got out and started running. He ran down on the sugar flat, where there was at a big hollow log there and he ran in that log. Well that would be the place the bear would want him wouldn't it! ha, ha. I... would a climbed a tree. He was scared to death and didn't know what he was doing! Uncle Harmon told Uncle Hugh that he heard the doe in the thick brush. Si, you've heard him (Hugh) tell about it. Si: yes, he told me "I saw if there was any running to do.....that Harmon, he knew that was a bear in there, ha, ha. End of tape.

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Ada, Ivan.
Stories: Otha, deer hunting, school house, bear,

Dad: Bowd (Boude) Hannah went out one evening to hunt the cows and he had his dog with him and he went back upon the mt. on Gauley. The dog came up on an old she bear and cubs. (Dave: was it before you were born? Dad: No. I was going to school, a chunk of a boy. The dog took for the year and the bear took after the dog to run it from the cubs. When he saw the bear and dog coming he climbed up a pine tree. The dog ran to the tree for protection and the bear came to the tree and saw him up there. The bear went right up the tree after him and the dog ran away. It was a small pine tree. He shook the tree, it was tall and slim. He shook and hollered and they heard him all over Elk. Old man Billie Hannah, a mile away, heard him hollering. He said he knew Bowd was in distress. He got his gun and hit for there as soon as he could. That bear, gave some knaws and drove his feet into the tree. They said he was scared nearly to death. And Billie Hannah got within about 100 yards, I expect before that old she bear left that tree. The dog ran off. The bear went after her cubs. He shook her off the tree. A bear can climb a large tree, but it's hard to climb a small one. SI: was he the fellow that ran into a wild cat? Dad: yes, he was going before daylingt one morning up on the mountain after cows. He had his dog, maybe the same dog, with him. The dog was in front of him and this wild cat went up on a tree to jump on him and the dog happened to be in front of him and he jumped right off the tree on the dog. He said he had a cane with him. It was a big dog and into it they went. He and the dog killed the wildcat. He said if he hadn't had the dog it would have killed him. Dave: Didn't you catch a wildcat in a trap? Dad: yes, up at the forks of Slatyfork creek, near Buck hollow. I saw a wildcat in my trap. The biggest one I ever caught or bought. I threw him across my shoulder and his front feet almost touched the ground. I'd gone up close to him and got a cane (stick) about as large as my arm. It was a dry stick. I got up to kill him the first lick. I was going to hit him with all my might and I hauled away with all that I had and he growled at me. When I gave him the lick, the stick broke off right above my hand and the stick went the other way. The stick was rotten inside. Boy's I went and got me a stick that I knew wouldn't break. I tried it. I went up again. He laid on the ground and growled gr-r-r-r. Everytime I hit him --about four times before I killed him. That wildcat had jumped in every direction trying to get out. The stake had gone down about 12 inches to the flat limestone rock. If he had jumped upward, there wasn't a thing in the world to hold him. The hole was 3 inches across the top. But he had jumped and worked the hole big in the swamp. If he had jumped at me that stake would have come out. Ivan, it was in a muck near that swamp just below where you cross that swamp there at that apple tree. XXXX I'd set the trap for coons. XXXX Will Curtain: one time when we were up there hunting something came down that middle mt. like a streak of lightening. It wasn't any sheep nor deer. Dad: Over on Gauley, a boy there if clothes would have come off, they'd have come off. I was over there watching a deer lick and a deer dug a hole in the ground I expect 2 feet deep, where we had salt. I got down in an old pine tree top. I secured myself down in there hiding myself from the deer. It was hard to get in there and just as hard to get out. I looked across where the salt was, there was a big wildcat. --right at the deer lick. I don't know how it got there--it must have slipped around the other side. Those big ones they call catamounts. I sighted with my gun. An Englishman (there was an English settlement at Linwood to Mingo) was there with me and we wanted a deer so bad. He was watching another deer lick. I sighted and studied if I should shoot it. If I shot it I wouldn't get a deer. Finally I decided it was pretty close to time to leave there and I'll just kill it.